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OUTLINES.

The shooting of Captain Machlin, an army officer, by a negro at Fort Reno, Okla., is a mystery so far as the motive is concerned; the negro is still at large but is being trailed by blood hounds.—General Count Alexis Ignatieff was assassinated yesterday at Tver, Russia, by an unknown man who shot him six times and then attempted to commit suicide.

An agrarian newspaper organ at Berlin raises a cry of danger to the German cattle interests because of a report that the American meat trust will establish a packing house at Hamburg where American cattle will be slaughtered and the meat sent through out Germany in refrigerator cars.—The street car conductors and motormen at Lima, Peru, are on a strike, and the newspapers are indignant because the police fired upon the strikers.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Tommy Burns, of Los Angeles, Cal., are to fight for a purse of \$30,000 and the world's heavy weight championship some time in May.—Arnold Lee & Co., a brokerage concern which stood high on the New York Stock Exchange, collapsed yesterday on account of the money stringency.—Mayor Woodward, of Atlanta, has offered a reward for parties who posted red ink advertisements calling a meeting of the K. K. K.—Mrs. Alice McWhitney and her two children were burned to death in their home at Pompton Lake, N. J., yesterday morning.—Mrs. Kate O'Brien died at Rosanoke, Va., yesterday from poison unwittingly put in some medicine by her three year old son.—President Alderman, of the University of Virginia, delivered an address last night in New York at the dinner of the New England Society, stating the South's opposition to the views of Secretary Root on the increased power of the Federal government.—New York markets: Money on call nominal, no loans, time loans steady; spot cotton holiday; flour steady; but dull; wheat irregular, No. 2 red 73 3/4 elevator; corn steady, No. 2 53 elevator; oats steady, mixed 39 to 39 1/2; turpentine steady 70 to 70 1/2; rosin steady, strained common to good 42 1/2.

The Countess de Pin has taken to driving a cab in Paris. She probably will make the very sort of a cabby that will stick everybody who rides with her.

Eighteen new cotton mills in North Carolina in 1906 is a good record. There are now 315 cotton manufacturing in the Tar Heel State and we venture the assertion that 1907 will add more than the year now going out.

By the way, the anti-imperialists have been making a noise like falling snow since the Japs gave us a scare about the California school question. The logic of the situation seems to be with the Big Stick.

It may as well be stated that even though Congress did sit down on President Roosevelt's spelling edict, the majority of people will go right on spelling in the simple way that has heretofore made the masses independent of the dictionary trust.

Secretary Bonaparte estimates that the navy costs the people only \$1.33 per capita each year. The per capita includes the boys and at this season of the year it is useless to assert that the boys would rather have \$1.33 worth of sky-rockets than that much navy.

A Paris cablegram says Count Boni was terribly depressed when the court decided that Mme. Gould was not liable for \$4,000,000 of his debts. If Boni was distressed, imagine the terrible condition of collapse on the part of the people to whom the divorced spendthrift owes the money.

It is now given out that Poulney Bigelow has taken exception to certain things in President Roosevelt's Panama message, and is writing a resentful magazine article. Some people never did know how to rest quietly on the mat when they are put there.

Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw, says he has been tendered the presidency of the New York Mutual Life Insurance Co. He hesitates to accept because he would like to put in an ear for the Republican nomination for the presidency of the United States. If he will take the advice of a man up a tree, we would admonish him that if his Mutual Life offer comes from anybody who can deliver the goods, he should close the deal by long distance "toll" at once.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Fall Terms Closed
Successful in History
of Wilmington.

ATTENDANCE UNEQUALLED

All Institutions Are Up To Full
Capacity and Teachers and Students
Alike Have Done Splendid Work
—New Desk.

The Fall term of all the city and rural public schools in New Hanover county closed Friday for the holidays and reports from both County Superintendent Catlett and City Superintendent Blair are to the effect that never before were the various institutions in such flourishing condition nor was there ever before such general interest manifested in education by the people at large.

The report of the superintendent to the city school committees shows the number of pupils in the different Wilmington schools during the Fall term as follows: Union 1,007; Hemenway 819; High school 228; making a total of 2,054. The percentage of attendance during the past month was as follows: Union 91; Hemenway 92; High school 97.3.

The record for punctuality is shown to be unusually good. At the Union school one out of 198 was tardy during the entire month; at the Hemenway one out of every 303 and at the High school, one for every 482. There are probably no schools in the South that can show such a record as this. In the Union School the seventh grade taught by Miss Bryan, has had no pupil tardy for the last six weeks. For regular attendance at school Charles Schibben, Jr., holds the best record as he has not missed a day from school in nearly six years.

The total enrollment in the city public schools is 3,089 with a corps of 70 teachers. Of these 11 are graduates of the High school and 10 have attended the Normal college. In order to accommodate the increased number of pupils it was necessary for the committees to purchase 30 new desks for the Hemenway, 34 for the Union and 24 for the High school. Every available room in every building in the city is occupied and filled to seating capacity.

Informal Christmas exercises were held in the different schools and quite a large number of visitors were present.

A spirit of industry and progress, Supt. Blair says, has characterized the efforts of both teachers and pupils during the term which has just closed. Pupils will receive their report cards for the month immediately after the holidays.

NO PAPER ON WEDNESDAY

While it is not new to newspaperdom in Wilmington, it is worth while to announce to subscribers that they need not expect an issue of the Morning Star on Wednesday on account of the Christmas holiday. To the uninformed, it may be explained that the work on a paper for a morning is done on the day and night before and this suspension is to give all employees of the office an opportunity of enjoying the festive yuletide with their families and friends in common with most other American mortals who must needs have one day in the year in which to celebrate as may seem to them just right and proper. The paper will appear as usual on Christmas morning but not on Wednesday. With this announcement the Star wishes all its readers a jolly, good time, with no remorse and headaches "the morning after."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Platt & Haar—Picture Sale.
F. E. Hashagen Co.—Fox River But-
ter.
Solomon's Shoe Store—Hanan's
Shoes.
The A. David Co.—The Correct
Dress.
A. S. Holden—St. John's Lodge, A.
F. & A. M.
Murchison National Bank—Merry
Christmas.

Business Locals.

J. A. Perry—Mules for Sale.
E. M. Cheek—Suit Case Lost.
Wholesale Grocer—Man Wanted.
For Sale—Lands in Pender County.
Lost—Ticket to Glee Club Concert.
E. Warren & Son—Ice Cream for
Christmas.

50c chocolates, 30c a pound at the
Carl B. Rehder Candy Company to-
morrow.

THE HOLIDAY RUSH

Carnival Claimed Largest of Crowds
Last Night—Shopkeepers Look
for Big Business on Merry
Christmas Eve.

The holiday rush rather subsided yesterday and the retail dealers say that the Saturday afternoon and night business was not near what they expected. Many of them attributed the condition of affairs to the carnival in the southern part of the city, from all accounts from which was very liberally patronized. The weather, too, was not exactly conducive to outdoor life and many shoppers postponed their tour through the stores until the merry Christmas eve which comes to-morrow.

The carnival people had their share of the crowds last night and all the attractions were very well patronized. The eagles under the auspices of which the affair was given it is reported, have not lost money, neither have they made any great profit. The company, which furnished the attractions, leaves to-night for Bennettsville, S. C., the next stand.

All trains were again late yesterday and all of them arriving in Wilmington, morning, afternoon and night brought hundreds of holiday visitors and buyers. All connections north were also late last night, which goes to show that the rush and bustle of the holidays is national. Yesterday morning's trains took out large crowds of people who came to town the day before to do their holiday shopping.

It was stated by a railroad man last night that on one train leaving the city yesterday there was a Christmas jug on his train for almost every cross tie in the track between Wilmington and the destination of the largest number of the passengers. In this connection it will be interesting to know that several Wilmington dealers yesterday found that the city was in the throes of a jug famine. The trade in "Christmas cheer" this season is said to be the largest on record, large amounts being carried out "by hand" owing to the stringency of prohibition laws in upper counties, and still larger amounts by Southern Express.

The cars on the suburban lines yesterday afternoon and last night were operated as double headers to take care of the unexpected rush and while the single schedule would have been inadequate most of the time, there was no great crush.

CHRISTMAS FOR CONVICTS

Tender Hearted Will Listen to This
Appeal For Unfortunates.

Rev. A. J. Parker, the big hearted and popular pastor of Bladen Street M. E. Church, has it in mind to do something for the large number of this world's unfortunates who are cramped near the city in felon's stripes—convicts at work on the Atlantic Coast Line terminals under contract with the State. They are not looking forward to any joy or gladness at this merry season but many of them have manifested that they have yet the spark of penitence in their hearts during the spiritual ministrations of Rev. Parker and Mr. Kriner to them and these gentlemen want them to feel that they are not forever outcasts and that this is still a sympathetic world, however much sometimes appearances may count the other way. Mr. Parker is arranging to take to them on Christmas morning some delicacies to make their hearts glad during the one-day's brief respite from the hardest toil and to this end he would be glad to receive any contributions in money or in kind to contribute to this worthy charity. Contributions may be either sent to Mr. Parker's residence at 815 North Fifth street, or if he is notified by phone 1390 Mr. Parker will be glad to call for them.

Mr. L. L. Keister Here.
Mr. L. L. Keister, of Lakeland, Fla., foreman of the signal system of the Atlantic Coast Line, spent yesterday in the city and his old friends were exceedingly glad to see him. He was accompanied by Mrs. Keister and their two boys. Mr. Keister was a resident of Wilmington 15 years ago and is pleasantly remembered by many people here. After an absence of 15 years he declares he is greatly surprised at the marvelous growth of Wilmington. There have been so many improvements and so many old landmarks disappeared that he can hardly get his bearings. Mr. and Mrs. Keister left yesterday afternoon for Greensboro, but he expects soon to be transferred from Florida to Wilmington and will make this his headquarters.

50c chocolates 30c a pound at the
Carl B. Rehder Candy Company to-
morrow.
Roosevelt Bear, 75c at Rehder's.

LEASE IS SUSTAINED

Supreme Court Passes on Mat-
ter of A. & N. C. and How-
land Improvement Co.

THE NEWS FROM RALEIGH

First Christmas Accident in Raleigh—
Explosion of Fireworks—State
Officers and Others Are Off For
The Holidays.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—The North Carolina Supreme Court, before adjourning for the term at noon today delivered an opinion annulling the lower court in the famous case of Raleigh et al. vs. the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad Co., from Craven there by annulling the lease of that valuable property by the State to the Howland Improvement Company, which has subsequently released the road to the A. & N. C. Improvement Company, since when the road has been merged with the Norfolk & Southern in the recent combination of a number of the roads in Eastern Carolina and Virginia. The opinion of the court is by Associate Justice Walker and finally disposes of this noted litigation. The opposition to the lease was principally on the ground that the State did not have the right under the charter to lease the property, but merely to farm it out. Also that the terms of the lease were violated in that the lessee had advanced the freight rates when there was an express provision that there should be no increase. Efforts were made to break the lease by the owner of two shares of stock, and at the hearing before Judge Long, at Newbern, the court held that the Commonwealth acted within its right in transferring the property to the Howland Improvement Company. Formerly the Atlantic & North Carolina was operated by the State and a demand that it be leased was based upon the ground of bad management and poor results.

In affirming the lower court, the Supreme Court bases its opinion principally on State vs. Railroad, 72 North Carolina Reports, in which in 1874 the Supreme Court affirmed the lease of the North Carolina Railroad to the Richmond & Danville. The opinion delivered to-day consists of 52 typewritten pages. It declares that the alliance and inaction of the plaintiff Hill from September, 1904, to September, 1905, was a waiver of any rights he originally had to object to irregularity for which he later sought to break the lease, this applying to the alleged defect for the call and the holding of the stockholders' meeting and filing security bond in connection with the lease. The opinion declares that if these were all the irregularities complained of, the lower court was even then right in ruling that the right to attack the lease therefor was fully waived and the lease in respect to them was fully ratified by the subsequent conduct of the stockholders including the plaintiff. Then the court proceeds to sustain the right of the State to lease the road under the precedent of the courts' ruling in State vs. Railroad, 72 North Carolina Reports, that the term "farming out" in the charter included the right to lease the road.

Chief Justice Walter Clark filed a lengthy dissenting opinion to that of the other four justices. It is principally on the ground that the decision in State vs. Railroad was not justified by any precedent but is contrary to all authorities and has not since been affirmed in any decision. In most of them intimation has been made that it would be overruled if opportunity offered. The Chief Justice takes occasion to review the several steps by which the railroad property in this State largely owned by the State, has been leased and declares that if the State still retained these interests it would be receiving the great profits which are now going into the pockets of the syndicates holding the leases. He cites New Jersey as an illustration of receiving revenue sufficient from its railways to make it unnecessary to levy any State taxes at all.

The first "fireworks" accident for this Christmas season in Raleigh occurred last evening when James Pope, the 13-year-old son of J. A. Pope, of the Raleigh police force, was terribly injured by the premature explosion of powder in an old tomato can. The boy was in an open field leaning over the can with a lighted match when the powder ignited. A piece of the can struck the boy on the cheek, cutting out a big piece of the cheek and laying bare his teeth. The powder also injured one eye so that it was necessary to remove it.

United States Senator Simmons, who

STATE LEGISLATURE

Lively Contest Over Speakership
Promised—Forecast of Possible
Legislation—Likely No Change
in Liquor Laws—Other Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—Interest is quickening considerably in the approaching session of the General Assembly to convene January 9th, both as to the probable outcome of the four-cornered contest for the Speakership of the House of Representatives and the features of legislation which will most likely figure principally during the session. In the Speakership contest the impression prevails here that Walter Murphy, of Rowan, has the largest number of votes pledged to him, but they say, too, that his fate depends on the result of the first ballot as if he wins at all it must be on the first, since there will certainly be a combination against him by the other three candidates if he does not win on the first. Of the other three candidates in the race W. C. Dowd, of Mecklenburg, E. J. Justice, Guilford, and J. S. Manning, Durham, the closest fight is expected between Dowd and Justice, although Manning will have a strong support. The former two are putting up much the most strenuous fight for the office. It is generally conceded that either of the four will perform the duties of Speaker with dignity and credit.

Legislation as to the control of railroads is expected to be of widest public interest, the reduction of passenger rates, the abolition of second-class passenger accommodations and the enlarging of the powers of the Corporation Commission so it will have authority in intra-State service to require the repair of roadbed and improvement of rolling stock.

United States Senator Simmons was who is here from Washington, says there can hardly be any formidable effort to change the Watts and Ward acts as to temperance issues in the State since the party platform specifically declares in full approval of both in their present platform.

SENATOR TILLMAN TO LECTURE.

Famous South Carolinian Coming to
This City in March or April.

It is learned upon the best of authority that a contract has just been signed with Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, of South Carolina, by which that distinguished statesman will be here the last part of March or the first part of April to deliver a lecture at the Academy of Music. The subject has not been announced, neither could it be learned under what auspices the distinguished South Carolinian would appear here. It is entirely unnecessary to say that Mr. Tillman will be heard by an immense crowd and that he will be listened to with great interest. His platform tours in other parts of the country, notably in the North, have furnished front page scare heads for the newspapers, and while there would be no occasion for a sensation here, what Mr. Tillman would have to say on any subject will be quite printable.

The Princeton Glee Club.

The Star is requested to announce that the concert of the Princeton Glee Club will begin promptly at 8 o'clock on Christmas night, the hour being a little earlier so as not to necessitate a curtailment of the programme in order that members of the Club may go down to Airline to become guests of Mr. Pembroke Jones at the dance to be given at Airline, on the Sound. Mr. and Mrs. Jones and party arrived yesterday morning from the North and went down to Airline at once where they will spend the holiday season.

Funeral of Capt. Louis H. Bryant.

The funeral of the late Capt. Louis H. Bryant will take place at 7:45 o'clock this morning from St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, the remains will be taken to Burgaw for interment. The services at the grave will be with Masonic honors. On account of Mr. Kegley's absence at Burgaw, for the burial, there will be neither morning nor evening services at St. Matthew's Church to-day, but Sunday school will be held at 10 A. M. as usual.

here this morning on his way from Washington to his farm in Jones county, to spend the holidays. Mrs. Simmons and daughters will remain at the National capital during the recess of Congress.

Plummer's is the place to buy your Christmas Fireworks. Cheapest and best in the city.

Buy your Christmas goods to-morrow at the Big Store—Rehder's.

TO EXPEND MILLIONS

Gigantic Appropriation Author-
ized by Atlantic Coast Line
Directors for Equipment

NEW DISTRICTS CREATED

Many Improvements Will Mark Pro-
gressive Policy of South's Greatest
System During 1907—Appoint-
ments Announced.

It was announced from the general headquarters of the Atlantic Coast Line in this city yesterday that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the company in New York Thursday of this week the president of the system was authorized to place for the earliest possible delivery, in the new year orders for one hundred locomotives, 3,250 freight cars and 50 passenger coaches. This equipment will cost practically five million dollars and is possibly the largest appropriation ever made at one time by a railway in the South for the same purposes. It was stated at headquarters yesterday that the contracts for the additional equipment were already being placed with the manufacturers; in fact, contracts have already been let for 20 of the locomotives for February delivery.

The Board has also authorized the purchase of 36,300 tons of 85-lb steel rails the ne standard weight for the system, contracts for which have been placed for delivery beginning in January and extending to about July 1. This will lay nearly 300 miles of new track and as in addition to over 200 miles of the same weight of rail laid during the present year. When it is considered that it was only a few years ago that the 50-lb. rail was almost the maximum used in the South it will be better understood what progressive steps the Atlantic Coast Line is taking to put itself in a position to handle its constantly increasing business both as to freight and passenger traffic.

In addition to the orders named there are still due on contracts placed early in 1906 between 2,500 and 3,000 freight cars and 20 locomotives, all of the new and latest type. This equipment is long past due but the builders have simply been unable on account of the scarcity of material and labor to make deliveries on time.

The progressive policy of the Coast Line can better be understood in the matter of its equipment when it is stated that the gigantic appropriation just made is in addition to hundreds of thousands of dollars spent in the past two years in increasing and enlarging its terminal facilities, freight yards, etc., at all important points. Contractors have failed to complete all of this work within the specified time, but it has not been because the road was at all unmindful of the needs and it hopes to get material results from these increased facilities during the coming year. Seventy miles of double track have been laid during the past year and the work is even now constantly going on.

It is also announced from the headquarters of the system yesterday that effective on January first, five new operating districts will be established over the system, increasing the number of these from 12 to 17, each in charge of a separate superintendent and a corps of assistants, the object being to reduce the size of the present districts so as to get the maximum efficiency of operation. One of these extra districts is at Wilmington, and will materially increase the already large number of A. C. L. attaches in this city.

Official announcement of the formation of these new districts and the appointments of superintendents and trainmasters was made from the office of Mr. A. W. Anderson, general superintendent of the road last night. As stated the Wilmington district is divided into two. That one which will continue to be known as the Wilmington district will extend from this city to Contentnaug, including the Clinton and A. & Y. and the Midland branches. The superintendent will be Mr. E. Phenneger and Mr. B. J. Hughes will be trainmaster. The other district will be known as the Chadbourne district, including all the territory between Pee Dee, S. C., and Wilmington including also the Conway branch, the Conway, Coast & Western and the Newbern branches. The superintendent will be Mr. J. A. Fountain, formerly of this district while the trainmaster will be Mr. M. L. Stover, now trainmaster of the Wilmington district. The headquarters will be here.

The Columbia district has also been

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IMMIGRANTS FOR THE SOUTH.

The recent ruling of Secretary Strauss, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, assuring States that they can solicit immigration and pay the passage of immigrants from foreign countries will quicken the immigration movement. As a matter of fact, under the ruling, the South Carolina authorities are again on the move. At Columbia on Friday night Commissioner of Immigration Watson received a cablegram from the North German Lloyd line at Bremen stating that the second shipment of immigrants would sail from that port to Charleston on January 16. Commissioner Watson thinks that the ruling of Secretary Strauss has had a very favorable effect in Europe and that this second ship probably means the establishment of a permanent line from Bremen to Charleston. The ship will probably bring over more immigrants than did the Wittekind.

Wilmington is deeply interested in the immigration movement and employers of labor are anxious to have immigrant ships come to this port to supply the demand for labor. A well posted gentleman said yesterday, that the demand of the immediate community of Wilmington alone could not be satisfied with an entire shipload of immigrants.

It is learned from the Washington Post of Friday that President Roosevelt will send another message to Congress immediately after the holiday recess. Its subject will be immigration. Some months ago Terence V. Powderly, former Commissioner General of Immigration, was sent abroad to make an inquiry with a view to ascertaining the causes that fretted the movement of a million or more aliens to the shores of the United States every year. At the same time Charles P. Neill, Commissioner of Labor, and James B. Reynolds, were directed to make some observations at New York and other large cities to determine the influence on the social life of the country through the influx of this large annual addition to the population of the United States. Mr. Powderly traveled through Europe for several months. He visited England, Ireland, France, Italy, Germany and Austria Hungary. He is now working on his report, which will soon be submitted to President Roosevelt. The results of the studies made by Messrs. Neill and Reynolds will soon be placed in the hands of the President.

Upon the data thus collected, it is understood, the President will make recommendations to Congress, urging the passage of laws providing more drastic regulations pertaining to immigration. He is said to take the position that numerically immigration must be reduced, but whether he will recommend an educational test or an increased tax is not known.

Says the Post: "There is reason to believe that the President will suggest the advisability of effecting diminished immigration by imposing stricter rules on the steamship companies engaged in the business of transporting immigrants to the United States. If the President carries out his original programme, his message on immigration will prove an interesting state paper, as the sociological and psychological aspects of the question will be treated."

GOV. GLENN'S MESSAGE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina will be in session next month and Gov. Glenn will have a turn at sending in messages. He was in Washington on Thursday and the Washington Post of Friday says of his visit to the capital:

"My message to the Legislature, which will be read when that body convenes in January, has kept me pretty well occupied of late," said Gov. R. B. Glenn, of North Carolina, who with Mrs. Glenn, arrived at the Na-

tional yesterday, and when I completed it I decided to run up to Washington for a few days of rest and pleasure."

"Gov. Glenn appeared to be in splendid health as he shook hands with his friends at the hotel last night."

"The message will deal with nearly every subject in which North Carolinians are interested," he said "but I will specially urge legislation looking to the betterment of the State's industrial condition. That is the most important matter in North Carolina today, as it is in many of the Southern States."

"We are going to erect at the Jamestown Exposition a State building which will cost about \$18,000. It has already been provided for, and I believe it, with its contents, will be one of the most attractive exhibitions which will be sent there from any State."

"Gov. Glenn's brother died several weeks ago, and he has assumed the responsibility of caring for several small children who were made orphans by his death."

"Mrs. Glenn and I are buying some trinkets for the children, while we are here," said the governor. "Our children are all grown now, and this looking around for toys and things takes us back to old times."

THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE.

The American Magazine for January has come to hand. The number is one of pronounced excellence. Besides a table of contents of great variety and signal interest, this popular publication is handsomely and entertainingly illustrated. The number contains the new historical series of Miss Tarbell who writes illuminatingly and instructively about "The tariff of Our Times." The Rev. Washington Gladden discusses "The Negro Crisis" and there are numerous other articles, fiction and editorial, that constitute an intellectual feast for readers. This magazine is sent per annum for \$1 and is on sale at 10 cents per copy. Address: The Phillips Publishing Co., 141-147 Fifth Ave., New York.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—At any rate if Senator Reed Smoot is expelled he will have no excuse for saying, "This is so sudden!"—Washington Post.

—A man may have a heart big enough to love two women at one time, but he ought to have more head.—Washington Post.

—If your Christmas shopping has given you the blues just think of the poor Mormon Prophet Smith, with his five wives and 43 children and cheer up.—Washington Post.

—Perhaps the prominent insurance official who stole only \$7,500 and got a two-year sentence is being punished for his neglect of opportunities.—Philadelphia Ledger.

—When Mr. Roosevelt said he wanted a Cabinet that could defend his administration he must have felt that he would need that kind before he got through.—Washington Post.

—According to accepted philosophy Melver Williamson is worth the whole race of politicians put together. The Williamson plan of making corn has made two ears grow where but one grew before.—Florence Times.

—Now somebody has unearthed the tantalizing fact that in the fourteenth century you could buy chickens in England for two cents a pair. But, doubtless it is worth the difference to most of us not to have lived in the fourteenth century.—Richmond Times-Democrat.

TWINKLINGS.

—"Where are the centres of population?" "Around the bargain counter, my son."—Judge.

—"Sonumbulist, is he?" "Yes, he got up in the middle of a physics lecture and walked out of the room."—Cornell Widow.

—"Towne—I've bought an auto. Brown—So have I. Towne—Indeed, what make is it? Brown—The best of course.—Philadelphia Press.

Mother—Yes, children, Santa comes down the chimney so quietly that you never hear him. Tommy—Why doesn't he try coming home late that way?—New York Sun.

—"Your life preservers may be all right," said the buyer for the steamship company, "but its so flimsy I don't see how it can support anyone." "Well," replied the manufacturer, "it has supported me and my family for the past year."—Catholic Standard.

—"Oh," sobbed the young wife "George doesn't love me as he did." "Nonsense," replied the mother, "Only this morning I heard him call you the dearest girl in the world." "Yes, but he used to call me the dearest girl that ever lived."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

—Lieutenant Colonel Thurston when guard inspector at the New York camp at Peekskill, approached one German sentry, who simply looked at him and marched on. "Well," inquired the Colonel, intending to remind the man of his duty, "Vell vell! Vot is it?" "Don't you want the countersign?" "No, got all right, the feller in der guard tent give it to me. I got it."—Army and Navy Journal.

—The big tourist car had just whiz-

zed by with a roar like a gigantic rock et and Pat and Mike turned to watch it disappear in a cloud of dust. "Them chug wagons must cost a hape av cash," said Mike. "The rich is fairly burnin' money." "An' be th' smell of it," sniffed Mike, "it must be tained money we do be hearin' so much about."—Success Magazine.

Henry Clay's Popularity.

The greatest popular idol in a political sense the country has ever known was Henry Clay. Only one other American statesman ever possessed the quality called personal magnetism to the same extent that he did, and no other ever had a more enthusiastic personal following. He was an aspirant for president from 1824 to 1848, but never reached the goal. He received 37 electoral votes in 1824, 49 in 1832 and 105 in 1844, but never enough to elect him. Clay was elected speaker of the house of representatives on the first day of his term in that body and was five times re-elected. He was twice elected United States senator, once unanimously by the Kentucky legislature, and held several other high offices. If there was ever a popular idol in the politics of this country, it was Henry Clay, but he could not be elected president.—Indianapolis Journal.

The Old Plane Tree of Cos.

In the island of Cos, in the Egean sea, there stands, jealously guarded, a huge plane tree measuring nearly eighteen yards in circumference. It is surrounded by a podium, or raised platform breast high, doubtless built to support the trunk of the tree after it had become hollow and weak from age. The lower branches are still well preserved and have been shored up by pieces of antique columns, over the upper ends of which the branches have grown like caps in consequence of the pressure of their own weight. Close by the tree is a solid marble seat, which is said to be the chair of Hippocrates, the father of medicine, and it is supposed that he taught the art of healing from that seat. He was born at Cos 400 B. C. This gives a clue to the age of the celebrated plane tree, which must be considerably more than 2,000 years old.

This Peculiar World.

This is a peculiar world, says an exchange. One is struggling for justice and another is fleeing from it. One man is saving to build a house and another is trying to sell his for less than cost to get rid of it. One man is spending all the money he can make in taking a girl to the theater and sending her flowers, with the hope of making her his wife, while his neighbor is spending what gold he has in getting a divorce. One man escapes all the diseases that flesh is heir to and gets killed on a railroad. Another escapes with a scratch and dies with the whooping cough. One man stands off his creditors and goes traveling while another pays his debts and stays at home.

Consoling.

A New England congressman once went to Franklin Pierce demanding an office for a constituent. Pierce sent him to James Guthrie, secretary of the treasury. By and by the congressman returned to the president in great duce.

"What did Guthrie say to you about appointing your friend?" inquired the president. "He said he would be hanged if he would."

"Did Guthrie talk that way to you?" "He did."

"Well, that's the way he talks to me, too," was Pierce's consoling reply.

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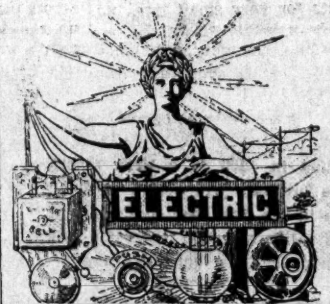
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CHRISTMAS TREES

Thousands of Car Loads of Evergreens Etc., Are Being Hauled to New York for Glorious Yuletide Season.

New York spends about \$3,000,000 annually on its Christmas trees and as much more on its other Christmas decorations, according to George A. Blank, the veteran Christmas tree merchant. Mr. Blank has been importing Christmas trees for the last thirty-five years at his store on Park Place, so that when he predicts that Christmas trees will be scarcer and therefore higher, than they were last year it means that paterfamilias must look out for the prospective shortage.

"There isn't the money in Christmas trees that there used to be, when the trees grew right up close to the railroad tracks," said Mr. Blank. "They have cut and cut so long that the trees are pretty well cut away, and it costs so much to haul them a long distance that the Maine and Adirondacks men aren't going in for them the way they once did. We have begun to go to Canada now, in the vicinity of Montreal."

There is, however, no danger of a Christmas tree famine, and the trees that are coming are as beautiful as ever. The first car load consisting of from 1,800 to 2,000 fine trees, arrived from the Adirondacks Sunday. But the trees did not begin to arrive in quantities till this week. Next week West street will present an animated and very busy scene. There will be Christmas trees dumped in great loose bunches here and there on the frosty earth, going off by the truck and van load and standing sentinel-like along the sidewalk curbing.

Not only do the farmer folk living in the pine tree country cut Christmas trees, but men go from the city, from Jersey and from up the state to the deep woods, then come down with their trees and sell them. The Christmas tree season is a brief but strenuous one.

New York's annual consumption of Christmas trees amounts to about 150 car loads, or something like 300,000 trees. The trees come three and four in a bunch, and a car load of green young beauties is worth about \$500.

Balsams are the favorite New York Christmas tree, but first find almost as ready a sale, because people generally don't know the difference. The prices for trees will range as usual, from 50 and 75 cents for very small trees up to \$25 for the splendid giants that go to make a whole Sunday school happy.

Holly is arriving in 100 pound cases from Delaware, North Carolina, Maryland and Virginia, and princess pine and laurel, arbor vitae and the other loose evergreens that make the wreaths and ropes of Yuletide by the 60 pound bag. From preselected indications holly will not be so plentiful as last year, when thousands of pounds are said to have been dumped by New York florists into the bay in the week following Christmas. While thousands of wreaths are made in New York by florists' assistants, thousands more come ready made, and all through the country sections of North Carolina, Maryland, and Delaware the women are now hard at work making up the loose evergreens that the men are scouring the woods for. From the time the holly berries begin to turn red up to December 15th, the manufacture of Christmas greens keeps numberless swift fingers busy. Beyond that date the greens would be likely to arrive too late.—New York Tribune.

A New Cure For Burns.

Blind chance, which has so frequently given the clue to men of science, recently led to the discovery in the Paris Charity Hospital of a new cure for burns. The remedy, it is claimed, will cause burns to cease from being painful as soon as it is applied and will cause injured flesh to heal with marvelous rapidity.

Dr. Thierry, one of the surgeons in attendance at the hospital, was in the habit of using picro acid as an antiseptic, and his hands were, therefore, impregnated, with the solution. One day, in lighting a cigarette, a portion of the burning match fell on his hand, but instead of feeling it he did not notice the slightest pain. A short time afterward, while in the act of sealing a valuable letter, a portion of the burning wax stuck to his finger, and though it cauterized the skin, it was no more painful to him than if it had fallen on an armored glove of steel.

This curious lack of feeling set the doctor's wits to work, and he soon arrived at the conclusion that the acid had, to use his own words, acted upon the tissues and tightened them. He then began a series of experiments in treating burns with a saturated solution of picro acid. In every case he treated all pain was instantly suppressed. He says in his report that after having bathed the wound in a solution of this acid, blisters did not form, and a cure was effected after four or five days. Among the chances discoveries of late years this new use of picro acid will probably prove to be one of the most beneficial to mankind.—Philadelphia Record.

When the Bees Swarmed

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Fourteen times the paymaster and his safe and escort passed over his route and returned smiling. When they started out for the fifteenth trip "Mexican Charlie" had his plans all laid. He was a Mexican half breed, and when you have such a man look out for devilry. He was a hanger on around the stage stations for a hundred miles up and down the line. He was a gambler, a horse thief and suspected of murder, and he had the necessary qualifications to make him a leader of other bad men. He was two months making his plans, and they were laid for the complete wipe out of the entire party. He didn't propose to leave a single man alive to identify him afterward.

When the roundup was completed the outlaw gang numbered an even twenty men, and all were armed with Winchester and revolvers. The route was gone over and the spot finally settled on for the attack was midway between Forts Davis and Concho. There the rude mountain road wound upward for half a mile, to pitch suddenly into a ravine with walls fifty feet high and its length half a mile or more.

To collect nineteen outlaws together, hide them away for a week, hold them steady and fit out a part of the number with horses and arms was no slight undertaking, but the half breed successfully accomplished it, and that without arousing suspicion. On the first day of a certain July the outlaw band was posted in the ravine, and the major left Fort Davis at an hour to bring him to the spot at about noon. Whites and Indians were at peace and the country quiet, and the paymaster and his escort had not the slightest hint of the reception the outlaws had in store for them.

It may have been known to the mountain Indians that the caves and crevices in the walls of the ravine were inhabited by wild bees, but it certainly was not to the whites. They had bred and swarmed there for years. On this July day there was an angry buzzing high above the heads of the outlaws, but they gave it no attention. The rocks were warming up and the bees getting ready to swarm. Scouts had been sent forth to find other crevices and report, and thousands upon thousands of the hot headed insects were ready to swarm out and follow their leaders to new homes.

Stretched on the shelves or posted behind boulders, the outlaws were waiting for their prey. They got the signal that the escort was coming across the flat; then that it was toiling up the long hill; then, after a moment's wait, that it was about to enter the ravine. The half breed had told his men over and over to fire to kill, to wipe out every soldier at the first volley, but he told them again. There were twenty bullets for eleven men and every outlaw having a rest for his rifle and a target not twenty feet away.

Of a sudden one of the bee scouts settled down on the bare hand of one of the outlaws. He sought to flick it off, and the insect stung him and flew away. It would seem as if it flew up to the others and warned them of the trespassers and incited them to battle. Within a minute a perfect cloud of them descended. They were angry and excited and looking for a fight. The outlaws could make no defense against such an enemy. In thirty seconds they were almost literally covered and being knifed in a score of places, and just as the two troopers at the head of the escort reached the head of the ravine the ambushers fed down it with shouts and yells of pain and terror.

Their horses were half a mile below. The bees followed the men to the horses and attacked the latter, and in a few seconds there was a wild stampede. Some of the animals came up the ravine, and some went down, and the shouts of the outlaws were echoed and re-echoed by the shrill neighs of the half maddened horses.

The paymaster could not tell what had taken place, except that the wild bees had come out. He was forced to order a retreat, and there was no pause until the outfit had dropped back a full mile. Then scouts were sent forward and after a time made a pretty good guess as to what was up. The bees seemed to be out in millions. The roar of their wings as they buzzed up and down was like a strong wind in the treetops, and as swarms met swarms they fought among themselves until the rocky trail was covered with their bodies.

Not until near sundown did the insects seek their new homes and quiet down and allow the escort a chance to pass unscathed. At the lower end of the ravine were two dead men—outlaws who had been stung to death. Farther down were three men who were blind, helpless and raving. Rifles, belts and camp outfit had been thrown away, and not one of the desperadoes had got away on a horse. Of the horses the escort captured nine. The others had gone tearing over the mountains in mad flight. Of the fifteen men who got away nothing was heard again. All were terribly stung.

The particulars of the plot were learned from the three captured alive, and they got a dose of military law to keep them out of mischief for a long time after. Each one asserted that he would rather have fought three Indians single handed than have encountered the bees. The half breed had planned well, but he had not taken the wild bees into consideration.

M. QUAD.

A Soldier's Vindication

(Original.)

Bob Hazard was a good natured, devil may care sort of fellow, whom everybody loved. His hair was flax, his eye was robin's egg blue, and he wore a perpetual smile on his lips. He looked so good that butter wouldn't melt in his mouth.

When the Spanish-American war broke out, Bob, who was a member of the national guard of his state, went with his regiment to Cuba and fought through the battles that resulted in the capture of Santiago. He seemed insensible to fear, and his companions said of him that he was too lazy to worry about getting shot.

Bob didn't get shot, but with that luck which comes to reckless people who rather deserve punishment he received a wound just severe enough to enable him to show the scars of a war veteran. A Mauser bullet went through the biceps of his right arm, giving what might pass for two wounds, one where it went in and one where it went out.

Hazard, not being able to handle a musket during this time, had abundant leisure for mischief. Removing two balls from cartridges, he sent one to his best girl, with a letter in which he said that to her and her alone he gave the Spanish bullet with which he had been shot. The other he sent to his other best girl, with a similar message. He enjoyed each to keep the secret of his preference, since he didn't wish to appear to attach any importance to his wound.

Now, the recipients, Miss Edith Spencer and Miss Della Marsh, were extremely feminine young ladies. While neither were in love with the young soldier, both were proud of the preference. Each knew that the other counted on Private Hazard as one of her special friends at the front in those exciting days when not to have an especial friend at the war made a girl feel and appear like a "wall-flower" at a ball. The next time Miss Spencer met Miss Marsh after the receipt of her bullet she asked, with a triumphant sparkle in the eye and toss of the head:

"Heard from Bob Hazard lately?" The response was doubtless influenced by the questioner's manner. "Yes; the poor fellow has been severely wounded."

"I know," replied the other, with an air of superiority. "He wrote me all about it."

"So he did me, and sent me a keepsake."

"He sent me the bullet that struck him."

Miss Marsh gasped for breath. "I have that bullet," she said, "in my escarrote."

"And I have it in my jewel box."

This was the preliminary part of a conversation that led to the exhibition of two bullets, each with a polished surface, which is never found on one that has been fired from a gun, to say nothing of being sent through a man's arm. Had the girls been disinterested they would have smiled. As it was, they vowed that when Private Robert Hazard returned he should explain this strange proceeding and pronounce upon the genuineness of the ball that had wounded him.

When the war ended, it virtually began for Bob Hazard. An enemy awaited him which would have stricken terror into any man of less bravery. His regiment marched through the city from which it had departed with flying colors and martial music. The first communication he received after being mustered out was a note from Miss Spencer asking him to come and see how she had mounted the keepsake he had sent her. He called that evening and found Miss Spencer and Miss Marsh together. On the table was an open jewel box that had held a pair of solitaire earrings, and in place of the earrings were two bullets. The expression on the faces of the girls was ominous.

"Will you please," said Miss Spencer, "tell us which of these two bullets wounded you?"

Bob looked at the leaden missiles. Their polished surfaces should have brought the blush of shame to his face, but they did not. Indeed he took no note of anything, he was thinking how to wiggle out of the scrape he had brought upon himself. Finally, with an injured air he asked permission to take off his coat, which was granted. Removing the coat and a pair of gold sleeve links, he rolled up his shirt sleeve.

"This wound," he said, pointing to the scar where the missile that had really struck him on the inner surface of the arm, "was made by the bullet on the right. This," pointing to the scar where the original missile had left his arm, "was made by the bullet on the left."

The girls looked at each other. "You two young ladies," he continued, "as especial friends of mine, I thought might like to have a bullet that had struck a simple soldier of the Spanish war. Having a bullet for each wound, I was enabled to send one to each of you."

Again the girls looked at each other. "I told you," began Miss Spencer. "And I told you," interrupted Miss Marsh, "that there was some—"

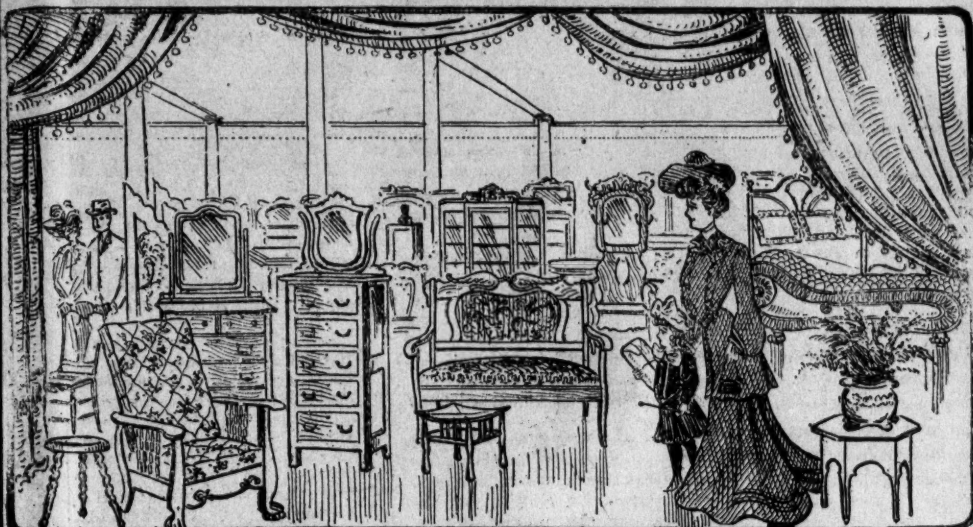
"That you were very unjust." "Do you mean?" flashed Miss Marsh. "Girls," said the soldier, "I am really at fault. I should not have made so much of so trifling a matter."

The victory was with the villain. Neither girl had loved him till his fraudulent vindication, his display of modesty. Then both loved him—while he—loved them both.

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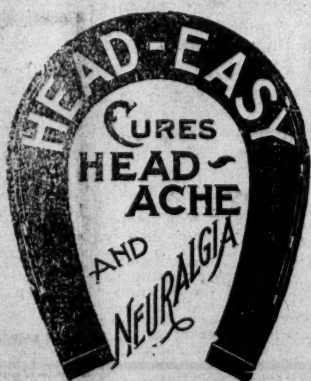
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Happenings and Doings In Society.

By G. N. H.

Mr. Ashley Curtis will spend several days in Tarboro, with his parents this week.

Miss Elizabeth McKoy has been welcomed home from Converse College, for the holidays.

Mr. Frederick Fosgate has gone out of the city to spend the holidays with friends.

Misses Hattie Hugie and Jennie Woodruff left Thursday to spend the holidays with friends in Florida. After an absence of many weeks, visiting friends in South Carolina, Mrs. Frank D. Young was welcomed home yesterday.

SUNDAY SOCIETY. Mr. Laurence Sprunt is at home for the holidays from Princeton College.

Friends were pleased to welcome home Mr. Walter Storm, who is here for the holidays from Cornell University.

Mr. and Mrs. George P. James, of Washington, D. C., will spend Christmas and the holidays with their friends in this city.

Mr. Emile Latimer and Mr. Herbert Latimer, students of Princeton College, are guests for the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. William Latimer.

Colonel and Mrs. William L. DeRoset and Miss Anita DeRoset will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Holt, in Fayetteville.

Captain and Mrs. John E. Reinburg and children arrived Friday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Reinburg's mother, Mrs. Frederick Fosgate.

Miss Carrie Moore and Miss Anna Parsley, who have been on a pleasant visit to Rev. and Mrs. John B. Gible, in Windsor, N. C., have returned home.

Mrs. Henry B. Short and Miss Short, of Lake Waccamaw, spent several days with friends here during the past week, returning to the Lake yesterday.

Miss Atha Hicks, accompanied by her charming guest, Miss Lucile Hardy, arrived Friday from New York, and both received a hearty Christmas welcome.

Miss Amy Harlow was hostess of her card club last Wednesday evening. Pretty decorations and dainty refreshments were a marked feature of the meeting.

Miss Marguerite Ashley Short spent Friday and yesterday in this city, en route from St. Mary's to her home at Lake Waccamaw, where she will spend the holidays with her parents.

One of the most attractive visitors during the holidays will be Miss Bessie Doyle, of Norfolk, Va., who will arrive Wednesday, as the guest of the Misses Elvina and Bessie Burruss.

Mr. William Boylan, of Raleigh, is a visitor in the city and is at present a guest of Mr. Horace M. Emerson, but will also be the guest of Mr. Thos. F. Wood, before returning to his home.

One of the large events of Christmas week in Savannah, Ga., will be the entertainment given by Mr. Spencer P. Shottor and Miss Shottor in honor of Miss Carmichael, at Greenwich House.

Mrs. Charles E. Borden, of Richmond, Va., is giving her parents, Col. and Mrs. John D. Taylor, much happiness by her presence and will add pleasure to her friends during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Rowe, of Linville, N. C., are here for the holidays and have been warmly welcomed by friends. They are the guests of Mrs. Rowe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Washington Catlett.

Miss Gertrude Sullivan, who has been an attractive visitor of Miss Jane Iredell Green, left Friday for Cottondale, Edgecomb county, where she will be one of a house party given by Miss Elba Cotten.

Mrs. Robert Bradford Adams entertained last week the Wednesday Afternoon Book Club at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Davis. The meeting was one of much pleasure to Mrs. Adams' guests.

Never in the history of this city has there been so many brides as now grace it. In every circle or coterie there are brides galore, who are receiving all the attentions which friends can shower on them.

Miss Page Shelburne is at home from St. Mary's to spend the holidays

with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William O. Shelburne, and has received hearty greetings from her large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mrs. William Rand Kenan left yesterday for St. Augustine, Florida, where she will be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Henry M. Flagler, at the Ponce DeLeon, for some time before going to Whitehall, the Winter home of the Flaglers.

Mrs. Joseph Archibald Cannon, who now resides in Charlotte, arrived Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Borden, and was warmly received by her circle of friends. Mr. Cannon is expected tomorrow to spend Christmas.

Miss Thurber Gore, who is the guest of Miss Sue Anderson, in Ocala, Fla., is having very many pleasant attentions shown her as is gathered from the Florida Times-Union. She will probably spend the Winter in Florida, returning to this city in April.

Mr. and Mrs. Burruss Corprew and Miss Susie Burruss arrived yesterday and will make a visit of some length to Mrs. Corprew's mother, Mrs. Kate C. Cumming. The visitors are always welcomed ones whose presence gives much pleasure to their large circle of acquaintances.

The German to be given by L'Arioso Club Thursday evening promises to be the prettiest ever given by the club. The decorations will be far more elaborate than usual and beautiful favors have been secured for the occasion. Admittance to the balcony will be by card which can be gotten from any member of the Governing Board.

Mrs. Frederick C. Poisson, of London, England, will be warmly welcomed by her friends, tomorrow or next day. She will probably leave New York today, accompanied by her sons, Messrs. Emile and Herbert Latimer, and while here will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Edward P. Bailey.

Miss Ann Beile Patteson, of Petersburg, Va., who has many friends here, will give them the pleasure of a visit receiving a most cordial welcome from all of them. She is at present the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Jenner Wood and will later on be a visitor of Mr. and Mrs. John Van Bokkelen Metts.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bacon, Miss Edna Kenly, and Miss Alice Crapster arrived Wednesday and received cordial greetings. Mr. and Mrs. Bacon will spend some time here and Miss Crapster, who is very pleasantly remembered, will be the guest of Miss Edna Kenly, it is hoped for a visit of some length.

Very extensive preparation for the Christmas music in all churches are being made and some exceptionally fine music may be expected. The choir of St. James has always made the Christmas music a pronounced feature of the praise services of the day and their efforts on Tuesday will be fully up to its standard of excellence.

A patriotic toast born of civic pride, is: Here's to the land of the long-leaf pine; The Summer land, where the sun doth shine; Where the great grow strong and the strong grow great. Here's to "Down Home"—The Old North State! God bless her.

The younger set has been greatly augmented by the return from college for the holidays of Messrs William M. Peck, William Watters, Louis Bel-den, Marion Harliss, Cyrus Hogue, James C. Craft, Richard Grant, Chesley Bellamy, Victor Grainger, Frederick Munds, Ed L. Prince, Emmett Bellamy, John S. Armstrong, Geo. W. Kidder, Jr., Clayton Smith, Rob. Bridgers, Hal Boatwright, Earl Crosswell, and Walter Kenly.

Very pretty and catchy invitations have been issued to about forty friends of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Quinan to an entertainment on Christmas morning from ten to twelve o'clock. Mrs. Quinan will receive her guests on the U. S. S. Seminole in Capt. Quinan's cabin. That the guests will greatly enjoy the festivities goes without saying as Mrs. Quinan's reputation as a most agreeable hostess is well established.

Mr. O. Screven, a young gentleman who has many friends here, left last Sunday for Las Palmas, Mexico, to visit his uncle, Mr. James J. Slade, Jr., who has large property interests in the state of Michoacan, Mexico, where he has resided for a number of years. Mr. Screven may remain in Mexico

with his uncle for an indefinite period and will be very much missed by his friends, whose best wishes accompany him to his far away home.

Cards have been issued for a dance at Airlie, Christmas evening, at which the Princeton Glee Club, it is said, will be the guests of honor. The invitations are:

Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones request the pleasure of company at a small dance on Tuesday December twenty-fifth at ten thirty o'clock. Car leaves at ten o'clock. Airlie.

An interesting bridge party was given Wednesday evening by Miss Marguerite Walker, complimentary to Miss Sullivan. It was a congenial party and an evening of much pleasure was spent. Dainty refreshments were enjoyed by those present among whom were: Miss Gertrude Sullivan, Miss Jeannie Murchison, Miss Alice LeGrand, Miss Maria Maffitt, Miss Jane Iredell Green, Mr. Haughton James, Mr. Edward P. Bailey, Mr. Ashley Curtis, Mr. Will Moore, Mr. Mark Crosswell and Mr. Richard Meares.

Attractive invitations, done in silver, have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Watters, for the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage, at which their daughter, Miss Nannie E. Watters, one of the season's fair debutantes, will be formally introduced. The invitations are:

1881. 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Watters Miss Nannie E. Watters At Home Friday December twenty-eighth nineteen hundred and six at nine o'clock No. 110 Orange street.

"The Elwells" were entertained at bridge whist last Tuesday evening by Miss Jeannie Murchison and a pleasant time was spent by the guests who were imbued with the holiday spirit making merry only as joyous youth can. Pretty decorations of holly and roses and dainty refreshments were features of the meeting. Those present were: Miss Gertrude Sullivan, Mr. J. Marion James, Miss Anne Gray Nash, Mr. Lawrence Sprunt, Miss Julia Worth, Mr. Haughton James, Miss Iredell Green, Mr. Edward P. Bailey, Miss Marguerite Walker, Mr. Richard L. Meares, Miss Jeannie Murchison, Mr. Ashley Curtis, making three tables for The Elwell Bridge-Whist Club.

Many letters to Santa Claus find their way to the postoffice and from there are sent to the dead letter office, if the envelopes are sealed. Of course they are from innocent little children, who have been taught to believe in the mythical little man and many of them are from little ones whose natural protectors spend their meagre earnings in ways which bring sorrow and trouble rather than peace, happiness and comfort. If the letters from the little ones who are doomed to disappointment could be turned over to some charitable person, many aching hearts would be made happy and the faith of the little child would not be destroyed.

Happy were the hearts which held warm welcome for the many young ladies who arrived during the past week to make the Christmas season happier for their parents and friends. Of those who returned were Misses Wilhelmina Harlow, Marguerite Hol-lady, Agnes McQueen, Louise Völlers, Bessie Albright, Sue Prince, Helen Strange, Melle Cotchett, Annette Munds, Annie Hill Holmes, Mary Baldwin Mitchell, Margaret Smith, Helen Kenly, Lillian Kenly, Belle Heyer, Mildred Smith, Florence Kidder, Bessie Bridgers, Elise Kidder, Annie Worth, Olive Quince, Virginia Bailey, Fannie Murchison, Christine Stevenson, and Isabel Smallbones.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallace Carmichael occupied their comfortable and attractive new home at St. James Place last week, and were quite unprepared for an attack by night, made so soon after their occupancy. A shower—no that would be a misnomer—a flood of good wishes, brought personally by twenty-seven friends, who were members of the Tuesday evening bridge club, were offered the surprised couple. Their friends brought with them not only best wishes but hampers, in which were stowed dainty refreshments. The evening was one of much pleasure to all members of the storming party who were received with ease and grace by Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael.

Young ladies of this city who are members of the St. Mary's Society of the Gamma Beta Sigma, were pleasantly entertained by Miss Anna Parsley on Thursday afternoon. The guests were requested to bring their needle work and spend, informally, the afternoon in conversation. Each guest was presented by the hostess with pretty miniature work baskets, with all the necessary furnishings, as a souvenir. Tempting refreshments were served and after the Society had examined the needle work Christmas presents which were being made, the guests departed carrying pleasant memories. Those present were: Miss Gertrude Sullivan, of Savannah, Ga.; Miss Anne Gray Nash, Tarboro, N. C.; Miss Jane Iredell Green, Miss Alice Davis, Miss

Helen Clark, Miss Margaret Bridgers, Miss Laura Clark and Miss Parsley.

The after Christmas theatrical season promises some good performances at the Academy of Music, a partial list is, Black Patti and troubadours, New Year's day. Buster Brown, January 10th; "It's All Your Fault," the following day, and on the fourteenth one of Whitney's companies will present "My Wife's Family," to be followed the next night by Mabel Montgomery in "Zaza," Mrs. Leslie Carter's greatest triumph. For the twenty-first a spectacular play of startling situations, "A Message from Mars," is promised; "Our New Minister," a melo-drama of purity and sweetness will close the attractions on the twenty-sixth, for the month. Later in the season, James O'Neill, in "When Knighthood Was in Flower," and other attractions will be presented.

Of the many attentions shown Miss Gertrude Sullivan, of Savannah, Ga., none were prettier than the euchre party given Thursday evening by Mrs. Thos. M. Green. There were three tables of six-handed euchre and at the conclusion of the games the guests were conducted to another room where a beautiful Christmas tree awaited them. From the tree, pretty and odd little presents were presented to the guests as souvenirs of the entertainment. Those present were: Miss Sullivan, Miss Jane Iredell Green, Mrs. E. Payson Willard, Misses Sadie and Isabel Williams, Miss Jeannie Murchison, Miss Julia Worth Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Sloan, Miss Marguerite Walker, Messrs. Chas. F. Green, Louis Hatch, Champ McD. Davis, Haughton James, Octave Wiggins, Harry West and Dr. Slocum.

Thursday evening, the twenty-seventh instant, Miss Annie Harrison will become the bride of Mr. Claude G. Winstead, of Birmingham, Ala. The ceremony will be a quiet, home affair at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Julia Harrison and will be witnessed by only a few very intimate friends, no invitations having been sent in this city. The bride's attendants will be her sister, Miss Julia Harrison, Miss Frances Chadbourne, Mr. Winstead will be attended by his brother, S. Garland Winstead, of Roxboro, N. C. The Rev. Dr. James Carmichael will officiate. Of the out-of-town guests who are expected are Mrs. William G. Haughton, of Spartanburg, S. C., an aunt of the bride; Mrs. Owen McRee Holmes, nee Miss Minnie Schenck, of Newberry, S. C.; Miss Ida Cowan, of Durham, N. C.

and Miss Matt Griffin, now of Danville, Va.

Miss Gertrude Sullivan, of Savannah, Ga., and Miss Anne Gray Nash, of Tarboro, were the guests of honor at a most pleasant entertainment of which Miss Laura Clark and Miss Helen Clark were the hostesses last Tuesday afternoon. It was given as a Gamma Beta Sigma Sorority function in honor of the visitors who are of the Sorority at St. Mary's and the color scheme was admirably carried out with violets tied with ribbons of purple and gold. Decorations of Christmas holly and bells were tastefully done, adding to the beauty of the scene. Bunches of Parma violets tied with ribbons of purple and gold, were presented to Miss Sullivan and Miss Nash. Beautiful refreshments were served. The guests were Miss Sullivan, Miss Nash, Miss Jane Iredell Green, Miss Alice Davis, Miss Margaret Bridgers and Miss Anna Parsley, who with the hostesses made a pleasant party for two tables of bridge.

Tomorrow will usher in a week to be filled with pleasures and gaities. There will be the usual Christmas eve hurry, scurry and merry making. On Tuesday morning Mrs. John H. Quinan will entertain forty of her friends on the Seminole. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. James Sprunt will entertain the Glee Club at supper, and the Club will give their recherche entertainment at the Academy, which will be followed by a dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones, at Airlie. Wednesday evening the Sacred Cantata of The Manger Throne will be sung in St. James church by a selected choir of seventeen of the best voices of the city. Thursday evening, L'Arioso Christmas german will be danced; Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Watters will celebrate their silver wedding, also introducing their debutante daughter, Miss Nannie Watters. New Year's eve L'Agile Cotillon Club will give its December dance. The Harmony Circle will give an elaborate dance in its new quarters on Front street, on the site of the old Germania Hall. Numerous small entertainments in the nature of card parties and social gatherings are booked for different afternoons of the week and two or three quiet home weddings will be celebrated.

The Princeton Glee Club will be greeted tomorrow evening by the largest and most fashionable audience of the season. The programme which the Princetonians render is varied and

attractive. No very heavy music is attempted but the best of the lighter music of the day is combined with the more popular of Princeton songs. Probably the most interesting features of the programme are the rendition of "Boatswain Bold" by Mr. Cass and the Glee Club, and the singing of the "Step Song" by the whole Glee Club. The following is the programme for the evening:

PART I.	
Step Song	Garmina Princetonia GLEE CLUB
Cherry	Albert MANDOLIN CLUB
Wanted a Wife	Lynes GLEE CLUB
Medley	Selecta BANJO CLUB
PART II.	
Princeton Days	Garmina Princetonia GLEE CLUB
General Jones	Lansing BANJO CLUB
1907 Medley—A Trip to Coney Island	K. S. Clark GLEE CLUB
La Sorella	Borel-Clerc MANDOLIN CLUB
PART III.	
Boatswain Bold	Lynes MR. CASS AND GLEE CLUB
Campus Lights	Cissy BANJO CLUB
Glee Club Quartette	Selecta
La Kraguette	Clerica MANDOLIN CLUB
Old Nassau	Garmina Princetonia GLEE CLUB

—At the store of D. J. Fulbright in Northeast, Iredell county, on Wednesday afternoon, H. A. Stewart, unmarried, shot three times at Will Young and killed him. Young leaves a wife and five children. He was drinking and was following Stewart with a knife, whereupon Stewart shot in self defense.

A Miraculous Cure. The following statement by H. M. Adams and wife of Henrietta, Pa., will interest parents and others. "A miraculous cure has taken place in our home. Our child had eczema five years and was pronounced incurable, when we read about Electro Bitters, and concluded to try it. Before the second bottle was all taken we noticed a chance for the better and after taking seven bottles he was completely cured." Its up-to-date blood medicine and body building tonic. Guaranteed. 50c and \$1.00 at R. B. Ball's drug store.

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Senorita Rita

By IZOLA FORRESTER.

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"So you are going home, senior?" The girl looked straight ahead at the wide sweep of level prairie pasture, her red lips parted in a smile—a most tantalizing, annoying smile Carruthers thought as he caught a glimpse of it sideways.

"Perhaps," he returned moodily. "I have stayed too long already."

"You do not like Texas, senior?"

"You did not call me senior last week." He bent toward her slightly, but she did not turn her head. "You called me—Jack."

She laughed and flashed a hasty glance at him from her soft, dark eyes. "That was a long time ago—last week—but I will call you it again if you wish, Mr. Jack."

Carruthers did not notice the concession or her gay scorn. He stared out to where the cattle browsed—a sea of still, brown waves, hundreds of them, motionless and peaceful in the morning sunrise. Here and there on the outskirts stood a figure of a horse with a silent rider watching the grazing herd. Carruthers' gaze swept over the mass until it rested on one herder at the extreme north. Even with the distance of nearly a mile between them he knew what the figure looked like, knew that it was watching them as he was watching it. It was not a pleasant knowledge.

"You have changed your mind, Senorita Rita," he said bitterly, "since Ramon came to the ranch. I was very happy in Texas—until your old sweetheart appeared."

Rita laughed again, deliciously, warmly, with a full enjoyment of his mood.

"You are not tired of Texas, Mr. Jack," she said merrily. "You are tired of me—ah, yes, I say you are. You love me so madly, so entrancingly, until somebody else comes who also loves me so madly, so entrancingly, too; and then all at once you are jealous and distant and dissatisfied, and, presto, now, this minute, you say you will leave Texas, you will never, never come to the Fortuna ranch again. You are—what did you call me the day I cried when Pep broke his leg—kid, that is it. You are a big, foolish kid, Mr. Jack. When a man loves he does not sulk and ride away. He stays and fights. See!" She held up her hand and snapped her small tanned fingers sharply in the air. "I would not give that for the silly kid lover who rides away. Ramon is a Mexican, but he is brave; he can fight. If I but let him know the least bit I loved him he would carry me off on his horse 'way, way south over there to Mexico. You would not carry me away to your home like that, would you, Mr. Jack?"

"I would carry you to the end of the world," retorted Carruthers.

"But not to your home?" she persisted.

"I have no home," said Carruthers. "When I came here to Texas I meant to stay even before I met you."

"But you are rich. Ramon says you could buy all of the Fortuna for a pastime if you cared for it. And the Fortuna is the richest ranch within a hundred miles of the border. There is no cattleman so rich as my father in Mexico."

She lifted her head with the little tilt of pride he knew well. Senorita Rita Riaz, heiress of the Fortuna, could well afford to lift her head a trifle higher than other girls. But to Carruthers the motion brought merely regret. He knew the truth about the Fortuna—knew what every Texas as far as San Antonio would know within a week—that old Diabolo Riaz had squandered his wealth in gambling; that not a thing on the Fortuna was unmortgaged save his daughter, and even she, it was rumored, was pledged to Ramon Doranda in return for his promised assistance when the crash came.

Carruthers might have given the same assistance and claimed the same reward, but something within him revolted against making the hand of the girl he loved the stake in a transaction over old Riaz's gambling debts. If he could win her, if he could hold her promise freely from her own lips, then he felt free to buy the whole Fortuna when the crash came and lay it at her feet. But she must be free to say yes or no. And she would say neither. She would only laugh.

"Have you told Ramon you would marry him?" he asked, with sudden earnestness. The uncertainty was maddening to him.

"Why do you ask?" she answered teasingly.

"Rita," he pleaded, "be serious. If you do not—"

She raised her arm with a sudden, imperative gesture and pointed to the herd.

"Look!" she cried. "They are stampeding!"

Carruthers looked. The brown sea had suddenly stirred to life. Undulating, swaying, branching out loosely at the edges, it was lurching toward them. There seemed to be nothing rapid or swift about its coming. Carruthers thought, almost idly, of how it resembled the swing of a bunch of race horses rounding the end of the field, when the movement was so concerted, so deliberate, that it hardly seemed a movement. The herders were riding here and there in confusion. They seemed mere specks of helpless misdirection in the distance.

Rita's face had lost its color. She turned her horse about, the rein held short and tight in her clinched hand.

"We must race before them as they come," she said. "If the horses keep

their strength they will not trample us."

But Carruthers had slipped from the saddle.

"It is sure death to try to ride with them," he answered. "Dismount and do as I tell you."

The stern masterfulness of his tone startled her. He had never spoken like that to her; no one had.

"Hold the horses," he ordered. She obeyed, watching him in breathless silence. The brown cloud on the prairie was becoming more and more distinct. There was a heavy, low rumble in the air like far off thunder. Carruthers drew a cigarette case from his pocket, and after hunting carefully he produced one match.

"That is the only one I have," he said. "Pray that it doesn't go out."

He struck it on the box. The faint flame wavered in the southeasterly breeze, caught the end of the cigarette and lit it. Before the match went out Carruthers smelled it and set fire to the grass. It was dry and yellow from the sun and caught the blaze with a snap. The wind fanned it, and a wailing line of thin smoke slid like a snake along the roots for several feet. The horses reared and kicked at the first whiff, and Carruthers seized the bridles from the girl.

"Take the cigarette," he said, handing it to her. "Keep it alight and set fire to the grass as far as you can reach in a straight line facing the north. The wind is from the southeast and will blow the fire toward the herd. It may turn them."

Holding the plunging, trembling horses, he watched her. There was no fear, no sign of weakness. She was alert and sure in her touch as she knelt here and there in the grass and fired it. As the cigarette failed she tore a bunch of grass, tied it with another wisp and set it blazing like a torch. In another minute a wall of smoke and smoldering flame closed them in from the rushing herd line.

"Come back," called Carruthers. The herd were not a quarter of a mile from them. He could see the leaders, heads down, and behind them line after line of tossing horns.

"Will they reach us?" whispered Rita as she stood close beside him, her face lifted to his.

"God knows; I don't," said Carruthers desperately. "It is all we can do."

"Jack, listen to me," There was a new light in her dark eyes, a new softened tone to her voice. "Ramon has done this. The herd has never stampeded before. He has done it for revenge upon you and me. Last night I told him no. I know about him and the claim he holds over the Fortuna and my father, but I would rather lose it all than—"

"Than what?" Carruthers let the bridles trail on the ground and held her close in his arms. The tremble of hundreds of hoofs shook the ground, the thunder grew louder, now and then there came a low, threatening bellow from some steer gored by its fellows in the crush.

"Than lose you," Rita whispered as she closed her eyes to meet what might come.

The herd was on them, but as the leaders caught the first sickening whiff of smoke they hesitated and wavered. Low leaping tongues of flame flashed up before them and rolls of smoke curled upward.

The leaders swerved westward. After them plunged the frightened herd, maddened and scared at the smell of the fire. The two horses, loosened, joined them in the frantic gallop, and in less than three minutes the danger had passed, and on the blackened bit of land stood Carruthers and Rita alone.

"The river will stop them," said Rita. "Ramon—I know he has done this to harm you. You must leave the ranch. No one can say what he may do next."

Carruthers bent to pick up something from the ground. It was the stub of a cigarette. He placed it tenderly and carefully in his case before he spoke.

"I know what Ramon will do next, sweetheart. He will cross the border into his own land tonight or else land in the hands of the sheriff. I mean to stay in Texas, and there is not room for both of us."

"On the Fortuna?"

"On our ranch," he said. "I bought the Fortuna yesterday to make sure of Ramon and of my senorita."

He Didn't Lie.

There is in the service of a Baltimore man an elderly dandy who is much given to rebuking the mischievousness of his grandson, also in the employ of the Baltimorean. One day the latter chanced to overhear a conversation between the first and third generations, from which it was at once apparent that old Mose was scolding the boy for some trifling fault. The cross examination appeared unsatisfactory to old Mose, he suspecting the pickaninny of concealing something.

"Jackson Brown," said the grandfather sternly, "yo' is shore keepin' sumthin' back! Member what de good book says, chile!"

"Yassah," glibly responded the third generation; "I knows dat de Bible says yo' all mustn't lie, but it don't say yo' all got to tell de truf al de time!"—New York Times.

Black Under the Eyes Explained.

"In the north country," so goes the story in "Sun Babies," by Cornelia Sorabja, "in the month of Kartik is worshiped by the women folks the great and terrible god Bhishma. Lighted lamps must be placed at the crossroads of the village, under the sacred fig tree, at the shrine of Shiva, and one little lighted lamp is sent adrift on a raft in the village tank. When the lamps have burned low it is good to rub the black from the wicks under the eyes. It keeps away the evil one. So that is the reason to this day we women put the black beneath the eyes."

BERTIE'S INDECISION

By Ida Wright Hanson

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Martha's eyes were troubled as she hung up the receiver.

"Just like Bertie," she mused, taking up her coat, cap and goggles and going slowly up the stairs. "Exactly like Bertie. This morning we were to spend our last afternoon sailing; at noontime he sent a messenger to say he had changed his mind and would come in his automobile; now he telephones that we will go on our wheels to the redwoods."

"Unstable as water, but handsome as a king—ought to be," was her thought a few minutes later. They were walking down the garden path to the bicycles waiting at the gate.

"Here's a flower for you," he said gayly, stooping to pick a pelargonium. "Fitting symbol of you is this Martha Washington. Not a bit high toned, but smiling alike on the rich and the poor; delicately colored, but sturdy for all that, my Martha."

She responded absently to his chatter. She was glad he did not seem to expect much of her in the way of conversation.

"I suppose you have been wondering why I changed my mind so often."

They had walked up hills and wheeled down them and over the level places and along the cool shady path to the redwoods. They were sitting where a streamlet leaped forward to kiss the feet of the ferns; where the redwoods gave out a soothing fragrance. A few steps away was garish sunshine, but here shade and coolness and quiet. Martha's troubled heart lightened, and she smiled winsomely into Bertie's face.

"Why?" she queried.

"Because I am going to ask you something, and I wanted to choose the best place for it. This is the best of all, isn't it, beloved? I want you to marry me, Martha, tonight and go away with me or not go away. I don't know that I care anything about seeing New York, anyway."

"You want me to marry you tonight for fear that by Christmas or September or tomorrow you might change your mind? Thanks for the compliment, and no, thank you, for the offer."

Bertie's face was white. She was savagely glad she had hurt him. He might realize a little of her suffering.

"Do you think I want a husband who changes his mind on a subject as many times as there are hours in a day? What pleasure is there in you, Bertie Harrison, and what confidence can one have? We were to read to improve our minds. You began with William Tell at the arrow scene; then you took a chapter in 'Merchant of Venice'; next you thought Burton Holmes' travels."

"Don't, Martha," Bertie interrupted. "Probably I shall thank you some time, but just now I can't stand any more than a homeopathic dose."

If Bertie had got furious with her or if he had cried—she felt as if she would not have been surprised to see him cry like a girl—she could have kept on pelting him with her sharp words, but to have him quiet and white—that was something she could not bear. Tears dropped on the Martha Washington in her cold hand.

"Forgive me, dear; I didn't mean—"

"Pardon me, Martha; I think you meant exactly what you said. In the flash of your words I see what I wonder I have failed to discover heretofore. Isn't there a saying that if you can properly diagnose a case the cure is half effected? If I overcome the fault and make a man of myself may I expect your favor, Martha?"

She shook her head.

"I can't have any faith in you, Bertie, but after all you are not to blame. You can't be different. There are too many odds against you. It's hereditary. My father knew your father well. Gemini is your birth sign—two forces pulling in opposite directions. Then your fortune stands in your way and even your name. You can never expect a Napoleon of a Bertie."

"Can any good come out of Nazareth?" he said bitterly. "But you remember the best did come out of Nazareth. If you cared for me?"

"I care, Bertie, if that's any consolation. I could wait years for you, but—"

"Well, that's enough. Bertie threw up his cap and caught it as it came down. The red came back into his smooth cheeks. "Now I will fare forth into the world and show you what a man's will can do in spite of heredity and astrology and all the rest. You'll see, Maid Martha."

This sudden change of spirit was so like variable Bertie that Martha sighed.

"I'm sorry I can't encourage you."

It was a year before news came from the absent Bertie. Martha might have inquired from his friends in her own city, but she was too proud. He had turned from her as lightly, as easily, as he had always flitted from one phase of life to another—a butterfly, she thought scornfully. Why should she waste tears on him? So she spent her days among her flowers and books, and if her nights were not always peaceful she gave no sign.

At the year's end a thick packet came to her. With nervous, trembling haste she tore off string and paper and brought forth Bertie's diary.

"And to think I doubted him," she sobbed as she found her name on every page.

He had taken with him to New York \$100 of his fortune, pledging himself not to touch another penny of it till a year had gone. He had sought services

immediately, beginning with the most menial tasks. How his sensitive nature loathed them none knew better than Martha. He had kept at each employment till he found something a step higher.

At the end of four months he discovered a friend of his father, who offered him a clerkship and gave him freely all the information he needed. It was when he was established in this that he had made his code of rules.

After office hours a two hour walk, dinner, then study till 11, his bedtime. This was not to be varied for six days. Sundays were to be free.

"I am beginning," he wrote, "on Maule's history. I swear not to take up anything else till these volumes are finished."

"Can he be strong enough, the dear, brave boy?" Martha wondered as she read eagerly on, but it was when she was smiling over some whimsical, happy thought, written in Bertie's happy expression, that it came.

"Failed!" on a dozen pages. Then one bore bravely a line from Goldsmith. "Our greatest glory consists not in never failing, but in rising every time we fall."

After that was the continuation of the arduous routine. On the last page he had written, "If I do not win my Martha after all, I feel that I shall come somewhat nearer to deserving her!"

Another six months dragged by. The diary contained no clew to his address save New York city, so that Martha could not send him encouragement and loving messages of which her heart was full. She felt that she deserved the suspense, but it was fearfully hard to bear. When it seemed to her that she could endure it no longer, an ominous yellow envelope came to her.

"Bert Harrison seriously ill in B. hospital; constantly calling Martha."

Even in her distress Martha noticed "Bert," not "Bertie," mute tribute to his winning battle against birth signs, heredity and fortune.

Less than a week later Martha sat trembling in the office of B. hospital while a sweet faced nurse talked to give her time to regain her control.

"It was 'Martha, Martha, Martha,' till Mr. Dean, his employer, decided to look through his belongings for a possible clew. We found your name and address and ventured to telegraph. He is rational now, but naturally extremely weak. You may see him, but not for long."

"How did he get the fever?" Martha quavered.

"Overwork. Mr. Dean saw that he was doing too much, but his advice was not heeded. Mr. Harrison would reply that in six months he would take a vacation. Then came the great storm. Mr. Dean warned him, but he would walk for two hours, no matter what the weather. Of dogged persistency to an idea Mr. Dean said he never saw his equal."

The nurse's keen eyes saw that Martha's trembling lips had grown quiet, and she answered the smile in her wet eyes cheerily.

But when at last Martha was by her lover's side she was the weaker of the two.

"I felt all day that you were coming, dear," he said quietly. "You have waited for me, haven't you?"

Fiercely restrained sobs choked back her answer, but she laid her head on Bertie's pillow, and he was content. Next day they awaited the coming of the minister with prayer book and ring.

A Bright Recruit.

Lieutenant (examining soldier)—What should you do if you met an enemy on the field of battle?

Soldier—Shoot him dead, sir.

Lieutenant—Right. And what should you do if you met a whole battalion of the enemy?

Soldier—Shoot them dead, sir.

Lieutenant—You couldn't by yourself. You should fall back and give warning. What should you do if you met a cow belonging to the enemy?

Soldier—Shoot it dead, sir.

Lieutenant—Wrong.

Soldier—Fall back and give warning, sir.

Lieutenant—Wrong again. You should catch hold of it by the horns and bring it into camp. Now tell me what you should do if you met me in the field.

Soldier—Shoot you dead, sir.

Lieutenant—Rubbish! I'm not an enemy! I wear the same uniform as you do.

Soldier—Fall back and give warning.

Lieutenant—Wrong, stupid! I'm not a battalion of the enemy.

Soldier—Well, then, I'd catch hold of you by the horns and lead you into camp.

Lieutenant—You—

—Lustige Blatter.

Cold Storage in Irish Bogs.

For long it puzzled me to know what the poachers did with the birds they shot in July. There is no cold storage in the north of Ireland, but they have discovered an excellent substitute. The birds are buried four or five feet deep in dry peat, and, I am told, come out perfectly fresh at the end of two or three weeks. When one remembers the bog butter dug out of the peat bogs in a comparatively fresh state after being buried for probably 200 or 300 years, it is not difficult to believe that grouse might keep, under the same circumstances, for two or three weeks.—Letter in Country Life.

The Tact Market.

Chancellor James R. Day was once advising a young undergraduate of Syracuse university to cultivate tact. "But, alas," he said, "I fear that advice on such a subject must always be wasted. On tact the last word was spoken by Barbey d'Aureville when he said:

"If tact could be bought, only those already possessed of it would want to buy it."

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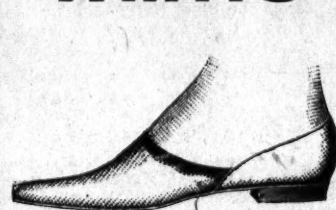
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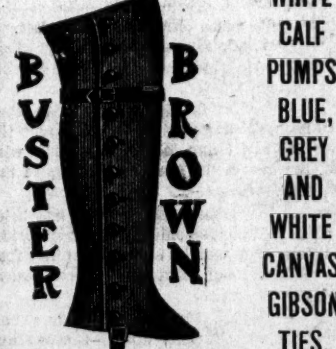
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\$ 7.50	OVERCOATS REDUCED TO	\$ 5.00
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They're Worth While.

The Morning Star.

Sunday December 23, 1906.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Weather Bureau.
Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 23, 1906.
Meteorological data for the 24
hours ending at 8 P. M. Saturday,
December 22nd.
Temperature at 8 A. M. 35 degrees;
at 8 P. M. 40 degrees; maximum 46
degrees; minimum 35 degrees; mean
40 degrees.

Rainfall for the day .0; rainfall
since the first of the month to date
2.85 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear River
at Fayetteville 8 A. M. Thursday 6.5
feet.

Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Sunday;
Monday and Tuesday warmer; light
to fresh northwest winds.

Port Almanac—December 23, 1906.
Sun Rises 7:08 A. M.
Sun Sets 4:50 P. M.
Day's length 9 hrs 42 min
High water at Southport 2:30 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 5:00 A. M.

LOCAL DOGS.

—The steamer C. W. Lyon was in
port yesterday from Fayetteville
bringing a large holiday excursion and
returning to Fayetteville last night.

—The new lodge of Pythians at War-
saw will be instituted by State De-
puty Grand Chancellor J. D. Nutt im-
mediately after the holidays. State
Deputy Nutt will be assisted by Pyth-
ians from Wilmington, Faison and
Goldsboro, N. C.

—Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of Bladen
Street M. E. Church, will be the
speaker at the men's meeting at the
Y. M. C. A. this afternoon at 5 o'clock.
His subject will be "The Young Man
Away From Home." The boy's meet-
ing will be held at 10 o'clock as usual.

—The first of the Christmas exer-
cises at St. James' will begin with a
children's service at 4 o'clock this af-
ternoon. On Christmas day the ser-
vices at St. James will be Holy Com-
munion at 7:45 A. M. and Morning
Prayer and Holy Communion at 11
A. M.

—Mr. Henry M. Graves, of this city,
Hagman on a freight train of the At-
lantic Coast Line, had his foot severe-
ly mashed at Malmø, Brunswick coun-
ty, yesterday morning. He was
brought back to this city and his
wounds were dressed by Dr. D. W. Bul-
lock, after which he was sent to his
home.

—Rev. George B. Webster, the for-
mer pastor of the Bladen Street M. E.
Church, is in the city to spend the
holidays and will preach to his old
congregation to-night at 7:30 o'clock.
The pastor, Rev. George B. Webster,
will preach at the morning service at
11 o'clock. The public is cordially in-
vited to both services.

—The Star has with compliments of
the Bank of Duplin, at Wallace, N. C.,
a very handsome calendar for the
New Year. The Bank of Duplin has a
capital of \$12,500; shareholders' li-
ability the same and surplus and pro-
fits of over \$7,500. Mr. H. C. McQueen
of this city, is president and Mr. A. L.
McGowan cashier. It is one of the
flourishing institutions that have con-
tributed so much to the development
of East Carolina.

"THE MANGER THRONE."

Sacred Cantata in St. James Will be
For Public Wednesday Eve.

Emphasis is laid on the fact that the
sacred cantata to be sung in St.
James Church Wednesday evening of
this week, beginning at 8:30 o'clock,
will be for the benefit of the public
and all are most cordially invited. The
"Manger Throne" is the title of the
piece and it will be given under the
direction of Mr. E. H. Munson, which
is a sufficient guarantee that it will
be a production of merit and of a
high order of musical excellence.
Seventeen voices will be heard in the
cast including St. James' choir and
several from the other choirs of the
city. There will be no charge what-
ever for admission and lovers of high
class music will be delighted with the
singing and other music incidental to
the piece.

Closed Their Engagement.

The Peruch-Gypzene Company closed
its engagement at the Academy of
Music last night, presenting "Kath-
leen" which was declared one of the
best bills of the week. Owing to the
rough weather of the past week, it
was impossible for Mr. Peruch to have
the yacht brought around from New-
bern and the company will leave by
rail today for Georgetown, S. C. The
yacht will be taken there or to Jack-
sonville, Fla., where it will be joined
by the company unless Mr. Peruch
sells it in the meantime. He is con-
sidering a very flattering offer for the
purchase of the craft at Newbern.

Cosmetics will ruin the complexion.
There's no beauty practice equal to
the effects of Hollister's Rocky Moun-
tain Tea. It keeps the entire body
in perfect health. Tea or tablets, 35
cents. J. Hicks, Bunting Drug Co.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. Jas. S. Hooper left yesterday
for High Point to spend the holidays.

—Mr. W. F. Bell, of Chirle, N. C.,
was in the city yesterday.

—Mr. I. M. McPhail, of Hamlet, was
among yesterday's arrivals.

—Mr. J. H. Montague, of Montague,
N. C., was a visitor to the city yester-
day.

—Miss Annie Worth is at home from
Converse College to spend the holi-
days.

—Mr. A. W. Bryant, of Newbern, is
in the city to spend the holidays with
friends and relatives.

—Miss Ray Solomon who is in school
in New York is at home for the holi-
days.

—Henry E. Faison, Esq., of Clinton,
was in the city yesterday, a guest at
The Orton.

—Miss Myrtle McNeill left yester-
day for Lumberton to spend the Chris-
mas holidays.

—Mr. W. R. Hay left yesterday for
Newbern-on-the-Neuse to spend the
holidays.

—Mr. J. P. Stephens and family left
yesterday for Lumberton to spend the
holidays at his old home.

—Miss Annie Fonville left yesterday
morning for Florence to spend the
holidays with friends.

—First Lieutenant W. P. Platt,
United States Army, is here from For-
tress Monroe, Va., to spend the holi-
days with relatives and friends.

—Mr. John J. Blair, superintendent
of the Wilmington Public Schools, left
last night for High Point, to spend
the holidays at his old home.

—Messrs. Alfred Rheinhold and Her-
bert and Arthur Blumenthal are at
home from school in New York City
for the holidays.

—Misses Alma Peschau, Mary Hay-
den and Madeline Corbett are at home
from Mt. De Sales, Baltimore, to spend
the holidays at home.

—Mr. Lawrence VonGlabn is at
home from A. & M. College at Raleigh
to spend the holidays with his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. VonGlabn.

—Messrs. James Durham and Dave
Struthers are at home from Horner's
School to spend the holidays with
their parents.

—Miss Bessie LeGwin is at home
from the State Normal and Industrial
School at Greensboro to spend the
holidays.

—Messrs. Frank L. Walker and
daughter, of Marion, S. C., and J. C.
Morris and wife, of Mullins, were
guests at The Orton yesterday.

—Messrs. Hunter Watson, O. O.
Mills and W. G. Woodcock leave this
morning for Norfolk, Va., to spend the
Christmas holidays.

—Miss Little Keathley, of Washing-
ton, D. C., is at home to spend the
holidays with her mother, and has been
cordially greeted by many friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Barber, of
Morrison, Fla., are in the city guests
of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Page, No. 516
Grace street.

—Mr. A. L. McDonald, of Rocking-
ham, is a guest at The Orton. Mr.
McDonald has taken a position with
the new Swift Fertilizer Works in this
city.

—Col. George Lee Morton and bride
arrived last evening from their bridal
tour and will be at home at the res-
tidence of Col. Morton, on North Fourth
street.

—Messrs. Frederick Munds, Theo-
dore Smallbones, John Clowe and
Heiskell Gouverneur are at home from
school at Chocowinity to spend the
holidays at their homes.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Kyle and lit-
tle son, Master James, left yesterday
morning for Goldsboro, to spend the
holidays with Mrs. Kyle's parents,
Rev. and Mrs. S. H. Isler.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Post, of
Baltimore; Miss Julia Post, who is
studying music there, and Miss Mary
Post, who has been on an extended vis-
it to friends and relatives North, ar-
rived last night to spend the holidays
with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas.
F. Post.

—Miss Anna Daws Whitehead, who
returned the past week from Salem,
Female College, to spend the holidays
with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. W.
Whitehead, on Second street, will be
joined the latter part of this week by
Misses Marjorie and Helen Smith, of
Winston-Salem.

—Miss Josie White, of Ahsokie, N.
C., who has been teaching in the Fun-
ston Institute the past term; her sis-
ter, Miss Allie White, a pupil in the
same school, and Mr. G. W. Lassiter,
music teacher in the institution, are
in Wilmington, the guests of Rev. and
Mrs. A. J. Parker, on North Fifth
street.

Absolutely True.

The Little Store advertises pictures
for sale December 24th at 95 cents
each, value \$3.00. Now these pictures
are not the \$1.50 kind nor the \$2.50
value, neither are they to be look-
ed upon as the kind that sell from
catalogues at \$2.98. They are actual-
ly and positively worth \$3.00. Sale
according to advertisement in to-day's
paper.

Concert To-day.

At Lumina by Vitucci's Band. Cars
every half hour.

Two dollars and two cents given
away to 100 customers at The Little
Store—December 24th. Read Platt &
Haar's ad in to-day's paper.

TO EXPEND MILLIONS

(Continued From First Page.)

divided into two, to be known as the
Columbia and Darlington districts. The
Columbia district will be in charge of
Mr. C. L. Porter, superintendent and
Mr. B. T. Jones as trainmaster and the
Darlington district will be in charge
of Mr. B. H. Hare, present trainmaster
of the Columbia district, as superin-
tendent and W. A. Cole as trainmas-
ter.

George B. McClellan, now trainmas-
ter of the Charleston district, is made
superintendent of the Norfolk district
and C. M. Brand will be made train-
master of the Charleston district. Mr.
Brand was formerly of this city and
is now chief train dispatcher at Char-
leston.

Messrs. Cole and Jones who have
been given deserved promotions in the
service are now conductors. Mr.
Hughes, who comes to Wilmington, is
now acting superintendent of the Nor-
folk district.

It is announced that W. M. Dove
now trainmaster of the C. & W. C. at
Augusta, Ga., will be made superin-
tendent of the Savannah district in
place of Superintendent Wright, re-
signed to take a position with the
Central of Georgia.

The creation of the new districts
brings promotion to a number of well-
known young railroad men whose
friends will be delighted to know of
their good fortune. In making these
appointments it seems to have been
the policy to promote good men from
the ranks, which is no doubt com-
mendable as well as practicable from
a railroad point of view.

CONCERT AT LUMINA.

Vitucci's Italian Band This Afternoon
at Lumina at 3 O'Clock.

Director Vitucci's Italian Band here
with the Barkoot Carnival Company
will give another of its delightful con-
certs at Lumina this afternoon.

The same band gave a concert last Sunday
afternoon and one of the largest
crowds ever at Lumina this season
was present to hear the music.

The consolidated people are expecting an
even larger crowd this afternoon and
have made arrangements for a most
satisfactory schedule of cars. Last
Sunday the pavilion was closed for the
concert, and the effect was not alto-
gether the best, but this afternoon
the windows will all be open and a
powerful log fire suggestive of the
Christmas holidays will be burning in
the large open fire place. The pro-
gramme for the concert will be as fol-
lows:

1. Diavoli Rossi.
2. Poet and Peasant.
3. Erostrate.
4. La Paloma.
5. Grand Via Waltzes.

The concert will take place at 3
o'clock. Cars will be run every half
hour with double-headers for the rush.

NEW YEAR'S ANNUAL BALL.

Howard Relief Club Preparing For
Delightful Affair Soon.

The annual New Year's ball of the
Howard Relief Club, which is always
an event of great interest to members
of the famous organization and its
friends, will be given this year on the
night of the second of January. The
committee arranging for the deligh-
tful affair is composed of Messrs. W. A.
Mahler, F. K. J. Fuchs, William Tien-
ten, J. D. Doshier, Jr., George Schu-
lzen, Martin Van Oesen and Martin
Brunjes. The music for dancing will
be by Knissel's Orchestra and at mid-
night an elegant lunch will be served.

At the recent annual meeting of the
club the following officers were elect-
ed for the ensuing year: President,
Mr. W. A. Mahler; Vice President, Mr.
F. K. J. Fuchs; Secretary and Treas-
urer, J. D. Doshier; Marshal, William
Tienken; First Assistant Marshal,
George Schulzen; Second Assistant
Marshal, Martin VanOesen; Guard
Martin Brunjes.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL'S.

Beautiful Services Incident to the
Holidays by Lutheran Congregation.

A 5 o'clock this evening the Christ-
mas season will have begun in St.
Paul's Lutheran Church, for at that
time the congregation, together with
the Sunday school will join in a Christ-
mas service of praise to the Babe once
born at Bethlehem. It is customary
in the Lutheran Church to extend the
celebration over three or four days,
On Monday night, or Christmas Eve,
there will be home festivals of the
family at which the Christmas gospel
is read and the children sing their
carols around the Christmas tree.

On Tuesday morning the Christmas
Festival service will be held in the
Church, with appropriate music and
a sermon on the Incarnation. Miss Jean
VonBredenbeck, who is most pleas-
antly remembered in this city, arrived
last night from Charleston and will
sing at all of the Christmas and New
Year's services at St. Paul's. Special
music will be a feature at the ser-
vices in which many members of the
congregation will assist. Altogether
Christmas promises many blessings to
the members of St. Paul's.

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FOR MEN.

Mufflers, silk, 50c to \$1.50.
Handkerchiefs, from 5c to 50c.
Umbrellas from 50c to \$5.00.
Kid Gloves 50c to \$1.75 a pair.
Fur Driving Gloves \$1.50 to \$2.50 pair.
Golf Gloves from 25c to \$1.00.
Fancy Cashmere Hose 25c to 50c.
Wool Suspenders \$1.00 to \$1.50.
Night Shirts 48c to \$1.00.
Fancy Shirts 48c to \$1.00.
Watches all kinds 75c upwards.
Cuff Buttons 25c to \$2.00.
Watch Chains 25c to \$5.00.
Scarf Pins 10c \$1.00.
Card Cases from 25c \$1.50.
Pocket Books 25c to \$1.50.
Fancy Shaving Sets 75c to \$1.50.
Military Hair Brushes \$1.50.
Fancy Suspenders 25c to \$1.50.
Fur Caps 45c to \$1.00.
Yacht and Golf Caps 25c to \$1.50.
Fancy Neckwear from 25c to 75c.
Tobacco Jars from 25c to \$1.00.
Smoking Sets from 65c to \$2.50.
Derby or Fedora Hats 95c to \$2.95.
College Hats 50c to \$2.00.
Gold Fobs 25c to \$1.98.
Razors 50c to \$2.50.
Gillette Safety Razors \$5.00 \$6.50 \$7.50.
Traveling Bags \$2.50 to \$5.00.
Match Boxes 65c.
Shaving Mirror on stand \$1.50 to \$2.95.
Over Coats \$2.98 to \$15.00.
Rain Coats \$10.00 to \$25.00.
Suits \$2.98 to \$20.00.
Pants 98c to \$6.00.
Fancy and White Vests 98c to \$3.75.
Pocket Knives 15c to \$1.50.
Collars 10c to 25c.
Cuffs 15c to 25c pair.

FOR BOYS.

Collars and Cuff Boxes 25c.
Gold Pens 99c.
Pencil Boxes 5c and 10c.
Boys' Cotton Hose 10c to 25c.
Golf Gloves 25c to 50c.
Fancy Shirts 25c to 50c.
Wool Suspenders 98c.
Night Shirts 48c 75c.
Gold Rings \$4.00.
Watches upwards from 75c.
Tool Chests from 25c to \$1.75.
Toy Drums from 25c to \$1.00.
Horse and Cart 25c to 98c and \$1.25.
Accordions 50c to 98c.
Suspenders from 10c to 50c.
Kersey and Plush Caps 25c to 95c.
Air Rifles 75c to 98c.
Boys' Saw and Buck 50c to \$1.00.
Boys' Books 15c to \$2.50.
Foot Balls 75c to \$1.50.
Mandolin \$2.75.

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Handsome Oil Paintings.

In the pretty show windows of the
C. W. Polvogt Company yesterday
were two exhibits of some fine oil
paintings done by Miss Lilla Keith of
this city, a student in art the past
season at the Baptist Female Univer-
sity in Raleigh. Miss Keith has de-
cided talent as evidenced from the
paintings on exhibition and those in
a position to judge of art specimens
say that she has a very bright future
before her in this regard and is bound
to succeed.

Buy your Christmas goods to-mor-
row at the Big Store—Rehder's.

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The most celebrated butter in Ameri-
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Mouth Organ 10c to 25c
Toy Shooting Gallery
Velocipedes 25c to \$1.50
Magic Lanterns 89c to \$2.50
Soldier Outfit \$1.25
Express Wagon all wood 75c
Express Wagon all iron 75c to \$2.50
Boys' Wheelbarrow 25c to 50c

FOR WOMEN.

Handkerchiefs from 5c to 50c each
Four Plain Linen Handkerchiefs in
Box 25c
Six Plain Hemstitched Linen Handker-
chiefs in Box 50c
Six Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs
in Box 98c to \$1.75
Stock Collars 25c to \$2.50
Umbrellas from 50c to \$4.98
Kid Gloves 75c to \$3.50
Golf Gloves 25c to 50c
Cashmere and Silk Gloves 25c to \$1.50
Plain Black Hose 10c to 50c
Fancy Watches upward \$3.50
Solid Gold Rings upward \$1.00
Leather Pocketbooks 25c to \$3.50
Hand Bags 25c to \$3.50
Fancy Belts 25c to 50c
Toilet Sets 95c to \$3.50
Glove and Handkerchief Boxes 25c
to 98c
Fancy Box Stationery 25c to \$1.25
Cloaks \$1.98 to \$18.00
Rain Coats \$2.98 to \$15.00
Wool Skirts 98c to \$12.50
Silk Skirts \$3.50 to \$10.00
Wool Knit Skirts 48c to \$1.48
Trimmed Hats 75c to \$15.00
Ready-to-Wear Hats 25c to \$4.98
Pearless Slipper Soles 25c
Fur Scarfs \$1.25 to \$35.00
Flat Muffs \$3.95 to \$12.50
Fancy Pin Cushions 25c to \$2.50
Mercerized Petticoats 98c to \$4.50
Flannellette Gowns 85c to \$1.25
Dressing Sackies 48c to \$1.50
Flannel Waists \$1.00 up
Chain Purses 19c
Bed Room Slippers 98c up
White Aprons 25c to 50c
Traveling Bags \$2.49
Eiderdown Sacks \$1.25
Night Gowns 75c to \$2.98
Silk Waists \$3.50 to \$5.00
Manicure Sets \$1.00
Fancy Belt Pins 50c
Frame Pictures 25c to \$6.50
Photograph Albums 98c to \$2.98
Work Baskets 69c to \$3.98
Shopping Bags 75c

FOR GIRLS.

Work Boxes from 25c to \$1.00
Cloth Bound Books from 10c to 25c
Dressed Dolls 1c to \$5.00

China Tea Sets from 10c to \$2.98
Iron Stoves from 25c to \$1.50
Toy Furniture Sets 10c to \$1.50
Handkerchiefs from 2 1/2c to 25c
Handkerchiefs in Fancy Boxes 25c
to 25c
Umbrellas 39c to 98c
Golf Gloves from 25c to 50c
Heavy Ribbed Hose 10c to 25c
Fleece Lined Hose 10c to 39c
Necklaces 25c \$1.75
Bracelets from 25c to \$1.50
Rings from \$1.00 upwards
Fur Scarfs from \$1.25 to \$6.50
Girls' Coats from \$2.95 to \$10.00
Toy Pianos 25c to \$1.50
Toy Trunks from 25c to \$1.00
Doll Go-Carts 25c to \$6.50
Toy Writing Desks
Fur Neck Piece and Muff to match
90c to \$6.50
Trimmed Hats 75c to \$3.00
Ready-to-Wear Hats 25c to \$1.98
Doll Outfits each 25c
Great Big French Dressed Dolls each
\$2.98
Girls Toilet Sets each 85c
Japanese Doll 10c
Small Hand Bag 19c
Doll Houses \$1.00 to \$2.50
Sweaters \$1.98 to \$2.50
Silver Trinkets 25c
Sewing Outfit 49c to \$1.00
Rain Coats \$5.98

FOR INFANTS.

Cashmere Hose 10c to 25c pair
Cotton Hose from 5c to 25c pair
Mitts all colors 10c to 50c
Bootees all Wool, all Cotton 10c to 48c
All Wool Knit Sackies 25c to \$1.25
Gold Rings rom 50c to \$1.50
Silver Cups 25c
Hair Brushes and Combs 25c to \$1.50
Trumpets from 5c to 25c
Rag Dolls from 5c to 50c
Stuffed Animals from 75c to \$1.50
All Wool Knit Hoods 19c to 69c
Fancy Knit Toques 25c to 69c
Silk Hoods 50c to \$1.50

FOR THE HOME.

Gold Mantle Clocks \$1.50 to \$6.50
China Berry Dishes upwards \$1.50
Albums 39c to \$2.98
Couch Covers 98c to \$7.50
Moquet Rugs 98c to \$3.75
Smyrna Rugs 98c to \$5.00
Hassocks 98c to \$1.48
Wool Blankets \$3.50 to \$6.50
White Bed Spreads 15c to \$5.00
Sheets 48c to 98c
Pillow Cases 10c to 25c each
Table Linens the yard 25c to \$1.50
Doylies the dozen 25c to \$3.50
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As a gift for Wife, the child, or the grandchild suppose you come
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FAILURE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Concern of High Standing Crushed by Money Stringency.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.) New York, Dec. 22.—The suspension of the brokerage firms of Arnold Leo & Co. was announced on the stock exchange to-day.

L. V. Hubbard, to whom the firm has assigned, issued a statement in which he said that the assignment was made for the benefit of all creditors. He said that the firm's embarrassment was caused directly by the stringency of the money market and that he was hopeful that a settlement satisfactory to all the creditors may soon be made and that the firm will be able to resume business. No estimate of assets or liabilities was given out. The firm has branch offices in the upper section of New York City.

The firm of Arnold Leo & Co. was established 25 years ago by Arnold Leo. He retired from active business some time ago and since that time the business has been under the direction of his son, Edgar E. Leo. The firm had an office in Philadelphia where a large business was done.

The standing of Arnold Leo & Co. on the exchange was very high and the announcement of the suspension came as a great surprise to a majority of the board members. Much sympathy was expressed for Mr. Leo and many prominent brokers called personally at his office to offer condolences. A meeting of the creditors has been called for December 26.

Mr. Hubbard, the assignee of Arnold Leo & Co. said that the Philadelphia branch was not responsible for the failure of the firm. Mr. Hubbard said that the only reason he could assign for the failure was its inability to raise money during the recent stringency in the money market. He had no idea of the firm's liabilities.

AMERICAN MEAT TRUST SCARE.

Will Establish Packing House at Hamburg and Operate Cars.

(By Cable to The Morning Star.) Berlin, Dec. 22.—The Deutsche Tages Zeitung, the most important of the Agrarian organs printed an article to-day headed: "The Surrender of Germany to the American Meat Trust," in which the writer said that information had been obtained from a trustworthy source to the effect that the German American tariff commission was discussing the importation of American live cattle into Germany by way of Hamburg, the slaughter of the cattle there and the transportation of the meat to various places in Germany in refrigerator cars. The paper added that it also had learned that negotiations were going on between various Hamburg shipping firms and the Hamburg authorities concerning the establishment of the necessity technical buildings. The article concluded with expressing the hope that no minister would be found to carry out a plan which would ruin Germany's cattle raising.

The American tariff commissioners are precluded from giving any information on subjects connected with the proceedings of the commission under an agreement with the German representatives not to disclose what takes place until the report of the commission is made public in Washington. Therefore, nothing can be ascertained officially regarding the correctness of the statements made by the Deutsche Tages Zeitung, which generally, is well informed.

PROFESSOR EXPOSES MIRACLE.

Made Experiments By Which He Liquefied Blood.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.) Rome, Dec. 22.—An interesting experiment was conducted at the People's Palace here today when Signor Giaceli gave a visible and comprehensive demonstration of the miracle of the liquefying of the blood of St. Genaro, which is kept in a phial in the church of St. Genaro at Naples. Signor Giaceli explained and showed that this change was effected by the use of a chemical combination, known to the ancients for the purification of blood and that blood treated with it liquefies at a certain temperature. Signor Giaceli performed his experiments with calf's blood, adding thereto substances the nature of which he did not reveal. He will make a scientific communication in the matter.

The War Department has issued orders that in purchasing horses for the Cavalry arm of the service those of white or grain color be excluded because animals of these colors offset all the work of the department in trying by means of dress and equipment to make the men as inconspicuous as possible. Such a regulation has existed in the artillery for a long time.

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SOUTHERN MAN FOR PRESIDENT

Hon. F. R. Lassiter, of Virginia Talks Out at Charleston.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.) Charleston, S. C., Dec. 22.—The eighty seventh annual banquet of the New England Society of Charleston, was enjoyed by about 100 members and guests to-night at the St. John Hotel. Dr. C. S. Vedder, the venerable president presided and among the special guests was Hon. Francis Rives Lassiter, of Virginia, who responded to the Toast "Forefather's Day."

Mr. Lassiter's climax was as follows: "Let the platform be for the Union. Let it be broad as political science and keen as self-interest. Let it be written in a line. It will be buttressed by 46 towers where gleam as many stars and every star a State. Necessarily will write it in eighty million hearts. Abolish unjust taxation; tariff reform reserved rights of the State and of the people."

In response to the toast "Forefather's Day," at the annual banquet of the New England Society to-night the Hon. Francis R. Lassiter of Virginia took occasion to score the National administration roundly and in conclusion suggested as a way out of possible trouble, the nomination of a Southern man for President in 1908.

"The strategy of modern nationalists," he declared "is the indirect enlargement of Federal powers. No scheme of taxation is too reckless now that will pile up the millions, millions used in exaggerating national splendor and in debauching the unthinking who hope everything from an over-flowing government treasury."

"We are not here, to devise details, but when one cabinet officer has his power to lock up fifty millions of dollars needed in the country's trade, there is something wrong. To-day the president of the United States forms himself on the mode of Caesar and adapts the manners of modern emperors. Though occupying official place is never unmindful of partisan necessity of the political power which elevated him to office."

Allusion was made to the suggestion of personal intermediaries looking for assistance of the vatican to the proposition made to Congress that the President be given the right to dismiss officers of the army and navy without trial and to fix tenure of office in civil service and the remedy for all this was said to be to choose a conservative Southerner for President.

ANOTHER INVESTIGATION.

President Roosevelt Will Have Browns ville Affair Looked Into.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.) Washington, Dec. 22.—Another investigation is to be made of the trouble at Brownsville, Texas, as a result of which a battalion of the Twenty Fifth Infantry was discharged "without honor" by the President. This independent investigation will be made by Milton D. Purdy, an assistant to the Attorney General, who talked with the President today concerning the matter. Mr. Purdy will leave Washington at once for Brownsville and make the inquiry as thorough as possible and may visit other points than Brownsville to secure evidence. At Savannah, Ga., yesterday the jury in the Sylvester Sasser murder case brought in a verdict of guilty with a recommendation for mercy. This was the second trial of Sasser for the murder of M. L. Parker, of Woodcliff, some two years ago. Both verdicts were the same. Sasser had been in Jail at Savannah for many months previous to his trial.

KU KLUX KLAN IN ATLANTA.

Probable Hoax Stirs Up Mayor Woodward to Action.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.) Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 22.—Following the posting on the streets of notices printed in red ink early today calling the "K. K. K." to meet at 9 o'clock this evening with guns, Mayor Woodward today offered a reward of two hundred dollars for evidence to convict any persons of posting such notices or in any way inciting riot during the holidays.

One hundred extra police have been sworn in to serve during the holidays and to prevent any repetition of the serious riot of last September.

DISTRESSING DEATH OF MOTHER

Three Year Old Son Unwittingly Put Poison in Medicine.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.) Roanoke, Va., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Kate O'Brien, a Norfolk and Western engineer, died early to-day of convulsions from poison administered unwittingly by her three year old son. Mrs. O'Brien last night put medicine in a glass of water to dissolve and left the room for a moment. During her absence the child put a quantity of antiseptic tablets in the glass and when the mother returned she drank the poison.

Two dollars and two cents given away to 100 customers at The Little Store—December 24th. Read Platt & Haar's ad in to-day's paper.

Concert at Lumina. To-day at 3 P. M. by Vitucci's Italian Band. Cars every half hour.

Get your fireworks and candles to-morrow at the Carl B. Rehder Candy Company's.

JAMES SPRUNT INSTITUTE.

Delightful Mus'cale Given BY Students on Thursday Evening.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Kenansville, N. C., Dec. 21.—The leading social event of the season in Kenansville, was the musicale given by the faculty and students of the James Sprunt Institute in the chapel last evening. Those taking part in the exercises were Misses Maggie and Stella Butler, Lila Carroll, Kate Hicks, Ella Mallard, Nannie Taylor, Margaret Chambers, Annie May Hobbs, Hettie Farrior, Bessie Worley, Sallie Henday, Rena and Valera Council, Nadine Williams, Jessie Kornegay, Katie Moore, Marguerite Ray, Lula Bailes, Bessie Sasser, Julia Cromartie, Katie Hawes, Effie and Kittle Page and Mattie Pridgen.

The leading features of the concert were a song, "Creep a Little Closer," by Miss Julia Cromartie; a reading, "Sunday Fishing," by Miss Annie May Hobbs; pantomime and song "Till for Tat," by Miss Marguerite Ray and Master Kenneth Farrior.

All the exercises were remarkably good and were well received by the audience. Exercises in voice were directed by Miss Penelope Wright; in violin by Miss May Farrior and in piano by Miss Fannie Gray Farrior.

The Spring session of the Institute will begin on Tuesday, January, the eighth instead of the first of January as announced in the catalogue. The trustees thought best to extend the holidays.

REVOLUTION IN VENEZUELA.

General Paredes Leaves New York With Arms and Ammunition.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Tribune to-morrow will say: "Gen. Antonio Paredes, who has been for the last three months preparing an insurrection against President Castro, of Venezuela, sailed yesterday from this city on the steamer Maraval for Trinidad. It was only nine days ago that Gen. Paredes arrived here on the same vessel from Port of Spain to complete some details of his projected rebellion."

Besides the 15,000 Mauser rifles and several million cartridges he obtained in New York and abroad, on a previous visit North a few months ago, General Paredes, no whas a large steam yacht under charter. This vessel was recently at Liverpool and has been re-named the General El Legatist. She is now being made ready to carry an expedition to Venezuela from one of the West Indian Islands. Gen. Paredes' representative said last night that all the details of the uprising had thoroughly worked out and in a manner that proved entirely satisfactory to Gen. Paredes."

MOTHER AND CHILDREN PERISH. All Three Burned to Death With Their Home.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.) New York, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Alice Linen McWhitney and her children, Helen, six years old, and Elizabeth, four years old, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed their home at Pompton Lake, N. J., early this morning. The mother and children were the only occupants of the house when the fire started. How the fire started is not known. Mrs. McWhitney was seen standing at a window appealing for help. Before a ladder could be procured Mrs. McWhitney fell, overcome by the flames. After the ruins cooled a search was made for the bodies. In the cellar was found a portion of Mrs. McWhitney's body and a fragment of the body of one of the children.

HEAVY WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

Jack O'Brien and Tommy Burns to Fight in May.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.) Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—Tommy Burns, of Los Angeles, and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, to-day signed articles for a 20-round fight for the heavy weight championship of the world, to take place before the Pacific Athletic Club of Los Angeles on some date between May 7 and May 14. The fight is to be for 60 and 40 per cent. of a purse of \$30,000. James J. Jeffries to act as referee. The men posted a forfeit of \$2,500 each.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Jack Welsh

it was announced to-night, will referee the Gans-Herman fight at Tonopah on New Year's Day, instead of James J. Jeffries, who yesterday declined the honor.

Remarks the Washington Post: "When Secretary Root finds that a speech of his is not taking very well he insists that he was 'misquoted' and 'misunderstood.' We really gave him credit for being more or a sport." We infer from the foregoing that Col. Root has learned the habit of his Eminent Chief in working over-time to have all the quotation points thrown into the hell-box.

Lumina To-day.

Concert at 3 P. M. Cars every half hour from 1 to 5 P. M.

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Buy your Christmas goods to-morrow at the Big Store—Rehder's.

Roosevelt Bear, 75c at Rehder's.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements By Wilmington Pastors For City Pulpits To-day.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Odd Fellows' building, second floor; Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Subject of Lesson Sermon, "Christian Science." All are invited.

Market Street, M. E. Church, South, corner Ninth and Market streets, Rev. W. L. Rexford pastor; Preaching Sunday 11 A. M., and 7:30 P. M. S. S. at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

Second Advent Church: Prayer and song service at 10 o'clock conducted by W. J. Reaves. Regular services at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 3 P. M. Evening prayer and song service conducted by W. E. Streeter from 7 to 8 o'clock. Regular services in the evening 7:30. Pastor J. W. S. Harvey. All are invited. Prayer meeting every Tuesday night.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner Fourth and Orange street, Rev. A. W. Seabreeze rector: Morning prayer and sermon at 11 A. M. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Seats free. Strangers are cordially invited.

Bladen Street M. E. Church, Rev. A. J. Parker pastor: Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.; Sunday school at 3:30; prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The public are cordially invited to attend.

St. Thomas Church, first mass 7 A. M.; last mass, sermon, 10:30 A. M.; Vespers 7:45 P. M.; Tuesday Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord; First mass, 6 A. M.; Second mass, 7 A. M.; Third mass, 7:30 A. M.; Last mass, 10:30 A. M.

Fifth Street Methodist Church, Rev. Kenneth D. Holmes, pastor: Preaching at 11 A. M., and at 7:30 P. M., by Rev. K. D. Holmes, the pastor. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M., R. V. Leonard pastor. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. A cordial invitation to all.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor: Fourth Sunday in Advent. German morning service with sermon appropriate to the Christmas Festival, 11 A. M., combined service of the Sunday school and the congregation at which the school will render a Christmas Cantata, entitled "Prince of Bethlehem," 5 P. M. This Christmas service of the Sunday school will be held in the Memorial Building. Congregational Christmas service (English) on Christmas morning at 11 A. M. A cordial welcome to all.

Plummer's is the place to buy your Christmas Fireworks. Cheapest and best in the city.

Real Christmas trees at the Carl B. Rehder Candy Co. Get you one to-morrow. Only a few left.

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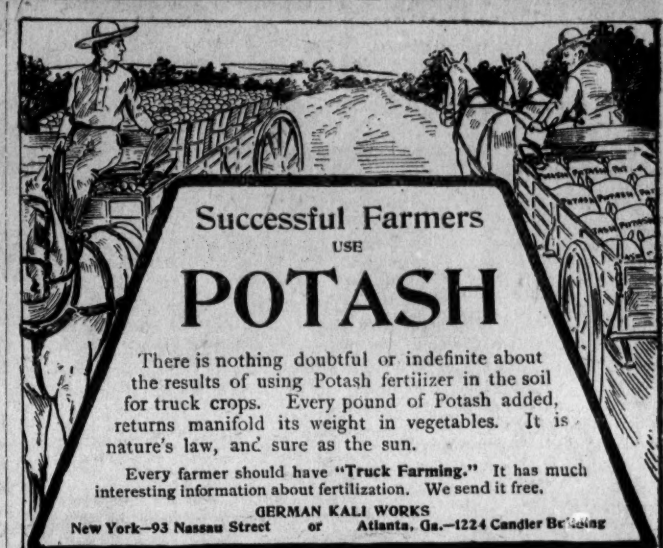
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CHRISTMAS

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The balance of this week and during the Holidays we will sell

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—At Raleigh on Friday the Secretary of State chartered the Eastern Chemical and Manufacturing Company, of Newbern, to make fertilizer and to manufacture lumber and furniture; capital stock \$25,000.

—F. B. Arendall, chairman of the chamber of commerce, committee on the extension of Raleigh, says: "There is very little opposition. I think the movement has the almost unanimous endorsement of the people, who have found out that it is necessary."

—Raleigh, Dec., 21.—The American Locomotive Works was awarded a verdict of \$3,500 against the Weldon Lumber Co., in the Federal Court, having sued for \$5,000 for repainting two locomotives. The lumber company has appealed the case to the Circuit Court at Richmond.

—Fayetteville, Dec., 21.—Considerable shipments of holly have been made to the North within the past few days, and also of mistletoe, which is very fine this year and is in high favor, for hanging from the chandeliers and over the doorways, a great deal of osculatory forfeit with our friends on the other side of the Mason and Dixon's Line.

—Salisbury, Dec., 21.—The attorneys for the bonding company issued this statement today: "Mr. W. W. Manly, who has been charged with shortage in his accounts as agent for the Robert Porter Company, and for whose arrest a reward of \$100 was offered, has made good the alleged defalcation, which was largely due to careless bookkeeping, and the offer of the reward has been withdrawn."

—The Baptist State Mission Board John E. Ray, president, Rev. H. C. Moore, secretary, met tonight with over 60 members present, and apportioned the \$40,000 set apart for mission work. Tracts are to be distributed widely. Two evangelists were chosen and a committee was created to confer with the leading negro Baptist preachers, regarding questions affecting the two races, in order to secure a better understanding of affairs.

—Kinston, Dec., 21.—Sheriff J. P. Nunn returned this morning from Raleigh, where he went to see if the man sent up to the penitentiary from Columbus county is Will Stroud, who escaped from the jail in this city last Spring. It was Stroud all right; he recognized the sheriff at once and owned up. Stroud was sent up for three years from Columbus county, but the sentence of 10 years he got in court here for burglary, will take precedence, and he will serve that time and no more.

—Kinston, Dec., 21.—Thursday afternoon Debro Wade, colored, Ben Taylor, son of Mr. Simon Taylor and some others were hunting rabbits in a field about five miles from town, when by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of young Taylor Wade was shot in the left side, the lead passing through the lung, and producing death instantly. Coroner Green was sent for and went out to the place, and held an inquest this afternoon. The evidence completely exonerated Taylor.

—Graham, Dec., 21.—The jury in the case of the two negro women charged with being accessories of Henry Walker, in the shooting of Mr. L. B. Harkins, after deliberating from 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon till 10:30 this morning, brought in a verdict of guilty against Annie Turner, and she was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary. As to Fannie McCain, nine were for conviction, two for acquittal and one undecided. She is remanded to jail to await another trial. Annie Turner's counsel has given notice of an appeal.

—Smithfield, Dec., 19.—The expected happened when at 8:40 tonight the jury which for the past three days has been weighing the issues in the case of Charles Peacock, charged with the murder of Alonzo E. Woodward, returned a verdict of not guilty. A considerable demonstration, despite Judge Webb's warning, evinced the spectators' approval of the verdict. There was more or less hand-clapping among the men and some weeping among the women present. After an informal reception had been tendered the late accused by his friends, he withdrew, accompanied by his family, to his home. The scene was an alibi.

—Raleigh, Dec., 21.—Reports to the State Commissioner of Labor show 18 new cotton mills, in North Carolina this year, there being three at Gastonia, two each at Concord, King's Mountain and Lowell, and one each at Raeford, Fayetteville, Dallas, Lile-down, Mt. Holly, Weldon, Lincolnton, Biscoe, Central Falls, Draper, and Monroe. This brings the total number up to 315. The largest is the Henrietta. Gaston county leads in the number of mills, Alamance being second, and Mecklenburg third. Charlotte leads all the cities and towns in miscellaneous factories and Guilford county all others in the same respect.

—Washington, D. C., Dec., 21.—Representative Blackburn, it was asserted today, is not pushing his contest against Mr. Hackett in the eighth district. The lone Republican Congressman from North Carolina will, it is further said, after March 4th, either enter the diplomatic service, or become



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special assistant attorney general of the United States. Speaker Cannon, Chairman Sherman and other prominent Republicans have convinced the President that Mr. Blackburn is one of the "lame ducks," who should be provided for. According to the story, Mr. Blackburn's friends have asked that he be appointed as a special assistant attorney general, with the idea that he can be in a position to again enter the race for Congress in 1908. It is understood that the President is inclined to give the defeated member an assignment in the consular service.

—Washington, D. C., Dec., 21.—Mr. C. W. Tillett, of Charlotte, who is here, discussed today with the officials of the Department of Justice and the bureau of immigration the cases against the North Carolina mill operators, charged with violation of the alien labor law. He was accompanied to the Department of Justice by Senator Simmons. A new question has entered into these cases. It is contained in section 2 of the immigration act, and, in the opinion of many people, justified the movement of the English operatives to North Carolina. This section provides that skilled labor may be imported, if labor of a like kind unemployed cannot be found in this country. It is not denied that spindles and looms in North Carolina have been idle because of the inability to secure sufficient skilled labor with which to operate them. These conditions were discussed by Mr. Tillett. They present the cases in a new light to a number of people.

The Secret of the Maple.
No thoughtful person who has ever visited a maple grove in the early spring while snow banks are yet lingering in sheltered hollows and has seen painful after painful of sweet sap drawn from the auger holes in the shapely trunks can have failed to wonder what forces govern the flow of the sap. When the warm sun touches the treetops the flow increases. A rise of a few degrees in temperature often causes a great increase of flow, if the rise passes the zero point on the centigrade scale—that is, the freezing point of water. But a considerable change of temperature in which the fluctuations do not cross the zero line causes no marked change in the flow of sap. Dr. K. M. Wiegand, discussing these and other related facts in the American Naturalist, reaches the conclusion that neither expansion of gas in the wood nor expansion of water nor expansion of wood itself is the underlying cause of the pressure which produces the flow, but that this pressure arises from the effects of temperature in altering the osmotic permeability of the pith ray cells.

Nothing New Under the Sun.
I remember the surprise with which I heard a cornet solo first recorded and then reproduced by a Scott graphophone, the construction of which, if I am not mistaken, antedated the birth of Edison. The record was made upon a sheet of tin foil wrapped around a brass cylinder which was actuated by means of a weight, a train of wheels and a butterfly regulator. In this connection—to show the antiquity of the germs of another modern invention—one day when looking through the files of the Journal des Savans I came across the account of a machine which was presented to the Academy of Sciences of Paris somewhere around the early years of the eighteenth century. This machine was nothing else but a typewriter; the description was very summary, but I remember that it had individual type bars, the keys of which were made of ivory. It was the work of M. Leroy of Versailles, who was styled Horloger du Roy, the reigning king being Louis XIV.—Alfred Sang in Engineering Magazine.

Relief at Last.
Housekeeper—I hear your brother, who died in California, left you \$1,000. Dinah. That will be a great help to you. Washlady—Deedy it will, miss! Ah's been needin' a planner an' a phlograpt an' a oil paintin' ob mahsalf in a gilt frame fo' yeahs, an' now, bress de good Lord, Ah kin hab 'em!—Puck.

Every man will find his own private affairs more difficult to manage and control than any public affairs in which he may be engaged.—Lord Melbourne.

The secret of progress lies in knowing how to make use not of what we have chosen, but of what is forced upon us.

Widows.

Widows exist in all countries, thus counterbalancing the matrimonial decadence which might otherwise result from timid men. Widows are clinging by temperament and attach themselves readily to any object that can't help itself. It is generally considered unlucky to meet a widow on a dark plaza by the light of the moon. In many countries to be kissed by a widow means endless trouble. Widows are frequently accompanied by children, whose number is constantly liable to increase. They roam at large over the principal sections, and no man is safe when they are near. All the perfect men now dead have married widows, thus forming a continuous contrast to the miserable specimens who still live. It has been said "Beware of widows," but this is unnecessary, for no man can really help himself.—Life.

The Blind Historian.

William Hickling Prescott, who was born at Salem, Mass., on the 4th of May, 1796, was the son of a prosperous lawyer, entered Harvard college in 1811 and graduated in 1814. Early in his college career he had his left eye blinded by a piece of bread playfully thrown at him by a fellow student, and the other eye soon became sympathetically affected. He traveled in England, France and Italy and then devoted himself to severe study, but it was not till the beginning of 1826 that he found the work of his life within the range of Spanish history. Fortunately his means were ample, so that he was able to procure the services of assistants and to live amid conditions of comfort. By constant habit he gained the power of carrying a great deal in his memory, and after he had revolved the whole of a chapter in his mind he quickly transferred it to paper by means of his stylus and an ingenious writing case especially constructed for the blind. He published his "History of Ferdinand and Isabella" in 1838, which carried his name across the ocean to the old world. This was followed by his "History of the Conquest of Mexico" in 1843, and of "Peru" in 1847. These gave him a great reputation.

A Frutitarian Diet.

A frutitarian diet consists of the fruits of trees (like apples, oranges, bananas and olives), the fruits of bushes (like currants and raspberries), the fruits of plants (like strawberries and melon, lentils and beans and cucumbers), the fruits of grasses (like wheat and barley and maize and oats), the fruits of nut trees (from filbert to coconut), together with some earth fruits (like potatoes), and a modicum of vegetables and salads. To these may be added butter, milk, honey and cheese, although their production is not so free from risk of contamination and animal infection as is the case with the products of the vegetable kingdom and the world of fruits. Grown under healthy conditions, with diseased specimens easy to detect and remove, it is far more possible to live healthily and well upon a frutitarian dietary than upon the products of the slaughter house.

Making It Plain.

In the lower Amazon country the temperature ranges about 87 degrees in the shade all the year round, says the author of "Ten Thousand Miles in a Yacht." At Manaus, 1,000 miles up the river, the temperature is six or eight degrees higher. Thermometers are little used in that country and little understood. So when a yachtman returned down river and was asked by an official at Para, "How is the temperature at Manaus?" his reply, "Eight degrees hotter than here," elicited a stare of noncomprehension.

"At Manaus," said the yachtman in explanation, "I used to wilt six collars a day; here in Para I only need three a day."

This was perfectly clear to the Brazilian, whose face lighted with understanding.

The Arab War Chant.

Captain Von Herbert describes how the sacred chant was sung by Osman Pasha's force in that last dreadful sortie from Plevna. He knows, for, as he says, "as a youngster of seventeen, being then in the Turkish service, I took part in the charge." It is a solemn four part chant for deep male voices, with intervals, the melody recurring again and again, of alternating harmonies hummed almost pianissimo, to the words "Alla Akbar," and then again rising "to a great outburst on the fifth note." There is more than a suggestion of plain song, that song which drifted westward from the east.—Pall Mall Gazette.

XMAS HOLIDAY RATES via Seaboard Air Line Railway.

The SEABOARD announces account of the Christmas Holidays they will sell round trip tickets at rate of one and one-third first-class fares, plus 25 cents for the round trip (minimum rate 50 cents) between all points east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers.

Tickets will be sold December 20 to 25, inclusive, December 30 and 31, 1906, and January 1, 1907, final return January 7, 1907.

For rates, schedules or any information address.

C. H. GATTIS,
Traveling Passenger Agent,
Raleigh, N. C.

w-f-su nov 22-tf

GO TO HAMME, THE HATTER AND CLOTHIER,



For your Xmas Suits, Hats, Caps and Gents' Furnishings. Latest Styles and Lowest Prices.
24, North Front Street.
dec. 11-tf

Bagging and Ties

Rust Proof Oats
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Cheese.....

All Kinds of
Canned Goods

Heavy Groceries
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ALL AT LOWEST PRICES.

The Worth Co

IN SELECTING



Christmas Gifts

You should not look over the fact that we have many useful and very pretty articles which will make elegant Xmas presents, namely: Brass Fire Sets, Brass Andirons, Silver Plated Ware, Carving Sets, Gillette Safety Razors and many other articles too numerous to mention.

PRICES RIGHT, TOO.

J. W. Murchison & Co.
dec 15-tf

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Three Good Mules
Suitable for farm or wagon use.

We have our usual line of seasonable goods:

SEED OATS.
SALMON.
FULL CREAM CHEESE.
CAKES AND CRACKERS.
BAGGING AND TIES.
SARDINES.

And a full stock of other groceries always on hand.

Hall & Pearsall.

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from the cradle up. By name and by trade.

Every garment made to fit and workmanship guaranteed.

Agent for two of the largest concerns in the country.

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Together with this my line of Gents' Furnishings are of the height of fashion. New styles shipped me every week.

JULIUS P. TAYLOR,

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Make Your Money Work

We allow 4 per cent. interest and can guarantee safety.

Capital 50,000.00

Net Profits 24,812.69

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Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.

MATT J. HEYER, MILTON CALDER,

President. Cashier.

(Southern Building.)

nov 25-tf

HELLO! HELLO!

WHO'S THAT?

THE ONLY RESTAURANT

Electric Fans.

Coollest Place in Town

Why pay 50c a meal at other places when you can get the quickest service and best meal for 25c at the

The Only Restaurant,

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The Christmas Gift,

That's Always Acceptable—A

Box of

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Sold By Their Agents, The

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

And all stores that sell good candies.

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FOR THE SCALP

A LARGE STOCK ON HAND.

Hardin's Palace Pharmacy

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Large stock of Groceries of all kinds at Lowest Market Prices.

Sam'l Bear, Sr., & Sons,

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Atkinson, N. C.

Now Open for the Patronage of the Public.

Board by the Day, Week or Month.

Special Attention to travelling Men.

Rates, Reasonable.

MRS. J. B. JONES, Prop.

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The strongest Lithia Water known

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The best in the market.

A trial will convince you.

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Christmas Goods

ILLUSTRATED BOOKS,

ALL THE NEW NOVELS,

CALENDARS & CHRISTMAS CARDS

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PENS

FANCY BOX PAPER

LEATHER GOODS & FANCY GOODS

Robt. C. DeRosset.

Bookseller and Stationer.

dec 15-tf

Stuffed Dates and Figs,

DATES, NUTS AND RAISINS,

OYSTER COCKTAIL,

BLUE LABEL CATSUP,

HEINZ'S PRESERVES IN THREE

AND FIVE POUND CROCKS.

ORANGES AND GRAPE FRUIT,

CELLERY FRESH EVERY FRIDAY.

We Give Southern Trading Stamps.

CROW & TAYLOR,

PHONE 1052.

dec. 8-tf

KEROSENE FOR FUEL

New Device Recently Patented by
Which Householders May Cook
and Bake at Minimum Expense
The Invention.

By the use of a new device which is just being perfected, it is now possible to use kerosene oil as a fuel in an ordinary coal stove. The device is called a water fuel burner. It can be placed in the fire-pot of a coal range and a tank is suspended at a suitable height near the stove which feeds both water and kerosene to the burner.

This tank is substantially made with two compartments with floats to denote when their contents need replenishing. A strainer device is placed in both tanks where the water and the kerosene oil of ordinary grade enter the feed pipes of the burner. Just above the stove connection a needle valve and a sight feed chamber are provided. Here again a strainer is provided to prevent sediment or other foreign matter interfering with the operation of the needle valve. The needle valves are of long tapering kind, so that they are calculated to render long service before wearing or requiring repairing of any kind, and the construction permits the valve seats being repaired by an ordinary mechanic.

The burner is made in a variety of sizes and adapted for use in the fire-boxes found in the average cooking stove. It is only necessary for two small holes to be drilled in the back part of the stove to bring the water and oil pipes into the stove to connect with the burner. The burner consists of a series of pipes on each side of the fire chamber with a central mixing chamber in between.

To start its operation, a quantity of oil is run into a pan immediately beneath the burner. This is lighted and the middle chamber and the supply pipes are raised to a temperature which vaporizes the water which then combines with the oil gas and burns at an intensely high temperature, issuing from the perforation in the bottom of the pipe. Once lighted the flame kept the entire burner sufficiently lighted to secure continual operation. The burner is susceptible to a wide range of control, so that baking can be done in the oven in the most satisfactory manner, and the flame can be regulated to the amount of cooking that is to be done on the top of the stove.

The arrangement provides that the flame from one side of the burner plays directly against the water back and when used in connection with the

ordinary range boiler the hot water supply is found to be adequate to family requirements.—New York Commercial.

Flexible Stone.

The stone looked like a piece of dark gray granite. It was a foot long and several inches thick. Lifted, it bent this way and that, like rubber. "It is laccolite or flexible sandstone," said the owner. "It is found in California, Georgia and several other states. Besides bending, it will stretch. Look at it closely and you will see that it is formed of a number of small pieces of stone of various tints all dovetailed together loosely, so as to allow of a slight movement. This movement is what causes the stone to bend. See how it bends! Like rubber precisely, eh? But if I bend it too far it will break."

His Specialties.

Captain Spencer of the Church army once asked a convict what he did for a living when he left prison. "Well, in spring I does a bit o' pea picking and in summer I does a bit o' fr' picking and in the autumn I does a bit o' 'op picking." "Yes," said the captain, "and what do you do in the winter?" "Well, mister, I may as well be honest with yer. In the winter I does a bit o' pocket picking!" Captain Spencer next asked, "And what happens then?" The convict replied, "Why, I comes 'ere and does a bit o' oakum picking"—London News.

Homelick Spencer.

When Herbert Spencer was a boy his father sent him away from home to school. The youngster became homelick and, with 2 shillings in his pocket, made his way home, over 120 miles, in three days, walking most of the way. He did forty-eight miles the first day and forty-seven on the second. On the third day a friendly coach driver took him most of the way for nothing.

Hisotok His Destination.

An editor of a western exchange recently began worrying about how he would get his shirt on over his wings after reaching paradise. An envious contemporary sarcastically observed that his difficulty would likely be in finding out how he could get his hat on over his horns.—Gayman (Kan.) Herald.

She worried and she fretted,
And grew as homely as could be,
But now she is a famous beauty,
Which came by taking Rocky Mountain Tea.

J. Hicks Bunting Drug Company.

No Cure for Epilepsy.

J. B. Waterman, of Watertown, O., rural free delivery, writes: "My daughter, afflicted for years with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over two years." Best body cleansers and life giving tonic pills on earth. 25c at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

WARRANTS.

Issued by the Board of Audit and Finance, City of Wilmington, N. C., for the Quarter Ending Nov. 30, 1906.

(Published by Order of the Board.)
Warrants from 193 to 390.

C. H. Dock	Rock	\$79.16
Jno. J. Fowler, Tr	Weekly Pay Roll	526.68
J. S. W. Harvey	Ac Painting City Hall	150.00
Jno. J. Fowler, Tr	Weekly Pay Roll	580.54
LeGwin Printing Co.	Printing	2.00
Commercial Ptg Co.	Printing	3.00
W. A. Williams	Work on Tax Lists	75.00
Murchison National Bank	Interest	127.50
Jno. J. Fowler, Tr	Monthly Pay Roll	2,056.70
do.	Coupons Paid	100.00
G. C. Simmons	Repairing Scales	9.75
Man. Record Pub. Co.	Advertising	2.00
Jno. H. Jackson	Drain Tile	119.60
West Disinfecting Co.	Naphtoleum &c	100.00
C. H. Dock	Rock	1,030.44
Jno. J. Fowler, Tr	Weekly Roll	461.86
Clarendon Water Wks Co.	Hydrant Rental	562.50
Jno. J. Fowler, Tr	Weekly Roll	532.35
do.	Freight on Curbing	130.81
B. T. Ramsey	Painting She Roof	9.45
Jno. J. Fowler, Tr	Coupons Paid	340.00
J. W. S. Harvey	Acct Painting City Hall	100.00
Jno. J. Fowler, Tr	Monthly Roll	3,187.18
Jas. Walker Mem. Hospital	Appro. For September	400.00
Mrs. Jane Sheehan	Feeding Prisoners	74.75
So. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Rent of Phones	60.00
Jno. J. Fowler, Tr	Sundries	40.00
Clarendon Water Wks Co.	Hydrant Rental	562.50
M. Bellamy, Jr.	Commission on Back Taxes	54.02
J. B. Casteen	Tending Oil Lamps	75.00
P. Matthew	Surveying	22.50
H. K. Holden	Brooms	1.00
Orrell & Alexander	Hire of Teams	3.00
S. J. Davis	Hire of Team	2.50
E. F. Johnson	Sundries ac Water Com	3.50
City Livery Co.	Board of Teams &c	341.40
Roger Moore	Drain Pipe &c	361.24
B. F. Turlington	Services at Pest House	15.00
C. H. Dock	Rock	884.12
Jno. J. Fowler, Tr	Weekly Pay Roll	446.73
Roger Moore	Acct Paving Chestnut St	1,356.49
B. C. Moore	Drugs for Horses	2.75
Commercial Ptg Co.	Printing Blanks	2.00
R. H. Grant	Work on Plumbing	1.35
Griffith Bros.	Work on Plumbing	4.10
Wilmington Messenger	Tax Book	16.50
LeGwin Ptg Co.	Tax Books & Printing	41.15
B. F. Mitchell	Feeding Teams	62.10
M. W. Divine & Co.	Paints, Oils &c	19.80
Cape Fear Mach Wks	Work on Engines	6.20
Wm. E. Springer & Co.	Tools	3.90
Jno. S. McEachern's Sons	Feeding Teams	155.15
S. F. Hayward & Co.	Fire Ext. &c	10.60
H. K. Holden	Oil	3.75
J. E. G. Brown	Repairing Carts	17.75
R. C. DeRosset	Blanks &c	1.90
D. Quinlivan	Shoeing Horses	10.50
J. W. Marchison & Co.	Tools	11.81
J. H. Rehder & Co.	Brooms	4.50
Wilmington Stamp Co.	Blanks	1.50
Orrell & Alexander	Hire of Wagon	5.00
City Livery Co.	Repairs Harness, &c	21.55

Consumers Ice Co.	Ice	25.84
Springer Coal Co.	Coal for Roller	3.80
J. T. Wyatt	Curbing	316.81
Consolidated Ry L. & P. Co.	Lights For September	810.85
Consolidated Ry L. & P. Co.	Switching Cars, &c	7.50
J. W. Brown	Veterinary Services	3.50
Bell-Cantwell Co.	Lumber for Engine Houses	54.72
J. W. S. Harvey	Balance on Painting	93.00
J. J. Fowler, Tr	Weekly Roll	538.84
J. H. Watters	Matches	9.50
Merchants Association	Advertising City	100.00
Thad F. Tyler	Building Stables	595.00
J. H. Fowler Tr	Semi Monthly Pay Roll	2,075.40
C. H. Dock	Rock	1,096.16
Jno. J. Fowler Tr	Weekly Roll	478.07
F. N. Simmons	Balance Due on Contract	100.00
Jno. J. Fowler Tr	Weekly Roll	366.13
do.	Payment Note, Coupons, &c	10,361.13
do.	Weekly Roll	357.27
do.	Sundries	23.29
do.	Monthly Roll	3,335.28
Mrs. Jane Sheehan	Feeding Prisoners	92.25
James Walker Mem. Hospital	Appro for October	400.00
A. Hoan & Co.	Check Book for Treas.	19.75
John VanB. Metts	Insurance	55.00
J. T. Wyatt	Curbing	383.26
Jno. J. Fowler Tr	Loan Paid	10,000.00
Clarendon Water Wks Co	Water Service	1,312.50
So. Bell Tel. Co.	Rent of Phones	30.00
P. Matthew	Surveying	35.00
Jno. H. Jackson	Drain Pipe	117.00
K. W. Jewell	Cases for Library	24.00
Orrell & Alexander	Hire of Teams	4.00
J. A. Gregory	Plumbing — Library	51.00
J. B. Casteen	Tending Oil Lamps	75.00
M. Bellamy, Jr.	Com. on Back Taxes	57.23
Jno. S. McEachern's Sons	Feeding Horses	42.32
J. A. Gregory	Plumbing — Engine Houses	4.80
Chadborn S. D. & L. Co	Lumber	33.84
Thos. Quinlivan	Shoeing Horses	31.50
Cape Fear Mach. Works	Iron Covers for Streets	24.38
Evening Dispatch	Binding Book	1.50
Sloan & Sweeney	Brooms	4.50
Roger Moore	Terra Cotta Pipe	303.15
A. H. Morris	Buckets	1.25
R. C. DeRosset	Stationery	1.90
C. D. Maffitt Co.	Metal Plate	1.25
Mercer & Evans Co.	Leather	1.10
Carolina Pole Co.	Wood	1.00
Hanover Iron Works	Work on Fire Boat	3.85
Wilmington Messenger	Blanks	5.50
N. Jacob Hardware Co.	Brooms, Tools, &c	8.75
City Livery Co.	Ad Teams, Repair Harness	360.45
Consolidated Ry L. & P. Co	Lights for October	964.66
Peter Sappho	Refund of Tax	2.00
J. W. Marchison & Co.	Tools	2.10
J. E. G. Brown	Repairs Carts	35.40
Consumers Ice Co	Ice	17.62
Cape Fear Mach Works	Repr Fire Boat and Engine	31.20
Springer Coal Co.	Coal	84.90
Thos. Quinlivan	Shoeing Horses	25.50
D. Quinlivan	Shoeing Horses	15.00
N. Jacob Hardware Co.	Brooms, &c	5.22
B. F. Mitchell Co.	Feeding Horses	180.52
T. B. Carroll	Veterinary Services	5.00
W. W. Divine & Co.	Paints, Oils &c	10.22
Jno. J. Fowler Tr	Weekly Roll	331.89
Wm. E. Springer & Co	Tools	5.51
Southern Electric Co.	Batteries	3.00
M. Roseman & Son	Overalls	1.50
Gamewell F. A. Tel Co	Wire &c, Fire Alarm	30.90
Am. LaFrance Fire Eng. Co	Repairs, Engine	76.30
R. R. Bellamy	Drugs, Disinfectants, &c	57.04
C. W. Yates & Co.	Stationery	16.95
R. C. DeRosset	Stationery	7.50
Wilmington Stamp Co.	Stationery	44.65
Jno. J. Fowler Tr	Coupons	37.50
do.	Semi Monthly Roll	1,992.30
do.	Weekly Roll	374.27
A. C. Skipper	Work on Engine House	40.00
Commercial Ptg Co	Blanks	3.00
Chas Hvass & Co.	Street Broom	30.00
T. B. Carroll	Veterinary Services	8.00
Miss Jessie Hopkins Librarian	Subs to Magazines	23.00
do.	Salary, September	25.00
Emple & Emple et al	Legal Services	500.00
Jno. J. Fowler Tr	Weekly Pay Roll	464.96
do.	do.	524.09
C. H. Dock	Rock	731.60
John J. Fowler Tr	Incidentals	55.16
do.	Monthly Pay Roll	3,518.84
James Walker Mem. Hospital	Appro. for November	400.00
Mrs. Jane Sheehan	Feeding Prisoners	95.37
Clarendon Water Works Co.	Hydrant Service	562.50
P. Matthew	Engineering	71.00
M. Bellamy, Jr.	Com on Back Taxes	71.67
J. B. Casteen	Tending Oil Lamps &c	98.50
B. F. Turlington	Posts for Pest House	2.90
J. A. Gregory	Heating for Library	192.31
Roger Moore's Sons & Co.	Pipe &c	374.57
Sam'l Bear Sons & Co.	Soda	6.16
Standard Oil Co.	Gasoline	8.93
Sloan & Sweeney	Brooms	9.36
L. A. Bilbro	Whip	1.25
H. K. Holden	Kerosene Oil	5.75
City Livery Co.	Board of Horses	305.50
M. Bellamy Jr.	Legal Services	50.00
Wilmington Iron Works	Repairing Heater	22.53
Jno. J. Fowler Tr	Amt. Paid For Paving	74.44
Queen City Cycle Co.	Bicycle for Fire Alarm	30.00
So. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co	Rent of Phones	30.00
V. Swann	Payt Repairing Eng House	100.00
Parker & Sneed	Furniture for Library	145.59
H. E. Bonitz	Freight on Furniture	6.05
Geo. W. Muller	Desk for Library	78.00
J. D. Lowry	Repairing Pump	20.00
The M. C. Lilly & Co.	Uniforms	1,072.00
Carolina Carriage Works	Repairs to Carts	24.45
Wilmington Messenger	Blanks	2.50
Roger Moore	Bricks &c	28.45
B. F. Mitchell Co.	Feeding Horses	42.28
Wilmington Stamp Co.	Blanks	13.10
Springer Coal Co.	Coal	33.50
Chadborn Sash, Door Co	Lumber	17.78
City Livery Co.	Blankets	20.00
J. E. G. Brown	Repairs to Carts	21.30
Jno. S. McEachern's Sons	Feeding Horses	198.73
D. Newman & Son	Blankets	9.00
Hyman Supply Co	Hose	5.15
Gamewell Fire Alarm Tel Co	Repairs for Fire Alarm	30.60
L. B. Sasser	Drugs for Horses	3.00
Eureka Fire Hose Co.	2,000 Feet Hose	1,568.00
N. Jacob Hardware Co.	Tools	8.54
D. Quinlivan	Shoeing horses	9.00
M. W. Divine & Co.	Paints	3.13
Consolidated Ry L & P Co	Lights	959.02
Total for Quarter		\$67,347.15
Previous Quarter		63,911.59
Total to Date		\$131,458.74

By order of the Board,
THOS. D. MEARES,
Clerk

Atlantic Coast Line

Schedule in Effect August 5, 1906.

NOTICE.

The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

No. 48	No. 42
Lv Wilmington	9:00 a m
Ar Goldsboro	12:10 p m
Ar Wilson	1:12 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	2:08 p m
Ar Norfolk	3:55 p m
Ar Weidon	5:08 p m
Ar Petersburg	7:12 p m
Ar Richmond	8:00 p m
Ar Baltimore	11:40 p m
Ar Baltimore	1:43 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4:25 a m
Ar New York	7:30 a m

SOUTHBOUND.

No. 41	No. 49
Lv New York	9:25 a m
Ar Philadelphia	1:55 a m
Ar Baltimore	3:12 p m
Ar Washington	3:21 p m
Ar Norfolk	3:40 a m
Ar Richmond	7:55 p m
Ar Petersburg	10:05 p m
Ar Weidon	11:53 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1:05 a m
Ar Wilson	1:40 a m
Ar Goldsboro	3:10 a m
Ar Wilmington	10:05 a m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH SOUTHBOUND.

Daily	Daily	Daily
Lv Wilmington	6:00 a m	8:45 p m
Ar Florence	9:35 a m	7:40 p m
Ar Columbia	12:40 p m	10:55 p m
Ar Charleston	1:30 p m	11:40 p m
Ar Savannah	4:45 p m	3:50 a m
Ar Jacksonville	8:40 a m	3:10 p m
Ar Tampa	9:00 p m	10:30 a m

NORTHBOUND.

Daily	Daily	Daily
Lv Tampa	9:00 a m	10:30 a m
Lv Jacksonville	7:40 a m	7:10 p m
Ar Savannah	12:55 p m	1:15 a m
Ar Charleston	1:30 p m	6:15 a m
Ar Columbia	4:00 p m	6:45 a m
Ar Florence	12:40 p m	9:25 a m
From Wilmington, N. C. to Georgetown, S. C.		
Ar Wilmington	12:45 a m	1:40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

West Bound	East Bound	Daily	Daily
Lv Wilmington	9:10 a m	Ar Sanford	3:00 p m
Lv Fayetteville	12:20 p m	Ar Wilmington	4:50 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

N. Bound	South Bound	Daily ex Sun	Bound
Lv Wilmington	2:25 p m	Ar Newbern	12:30 p m
Ar Newbern	5:40 p m	Lv Wilmington	9:10 a m
Trains Nos. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington connecting with Pennsylvania R. R. for all points east.			

T. C. WHITE,

General Passenger Agent.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.

Baltimore and Carolina Steamship Company.



Proposed sailings from Baltimore: FOR WILMINGTON, N. C. Connecting with steamers for Southport, Fayetteville and points on Cape Fear and Little Rivers.

DECEMBER 14TH AND 28TH.

M. L. W. WILLIAMS, Gen. Mgr. Baltimore, Md.

WALTER SMALLBONES, Agt. Wilmington, N. C.

Sept 23 11

Wilmington and Southport STEAMBOAT LINE.

SCHEDULE— "Steamer Wilmington" leaves Southport daily 8 A. M. Leave Wilmington 2 P. M. nov. 28, 11.

To The Beach.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE. In effect October 28th, 1906.

Leave Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville	Leave Beach
7:00 a m	8:30 a m	
8:30 a m	10:00 a m	
11:30 a m	1:00 p m	10:45 a m
2:30 p m	4:00 p m	12:15 p m
3:00 p m	4:35 p m	4:15 p m
6:30 p m	8:00 p m	6:45 p m
8:30 p m	10:30 p m	

*Daily except Sunday. xSundays this car will leave Wrightsville at 10:00 a. m. instead of at 9:00 a. m.

Cars leaving Wilmington at 7 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 9:00

ON A TREASURE SHIP

Interesting Interview With Man in Charge of Bullion on One of Great Atlantic Ocean Liners—Safe-guards Adopted.

The captain of one of the big trans-Atlantic liners which carries in its strong room millions of gold a year, while recently discussing the subject with a reporter, said: "After the gold worth perhaps half a million, or a million, and which is packed in solid wood boxes, strengthened by enormous bands of iron, has been placed in the bullion room access to which is only obtained through the flooring of the saloon I sign the receipts, and then become responsible for its safety. From this moment until I arrive at Liverpool the key never leaves my person, it hanging suspended from my neck inside my clothes by a piece of ribbon. Do I think it impossible for a thief to obtain access to the strong room? Fifty desperadoes shipwrecked as passengers might, as you say, wait till we were out in the open, and then, after murdering us all, help themselves to some of the gold—not all, it would be too heavy—and then take to boats. Yes, 50 determined men might do this. But how are 50 criminals to assemble in New York without the police becoming aware of their presence. Why, I would spot them before we started. Responsibilities for such treasures as I carry sharpen the wits. No, the money is safe enough on the ocean.

I simply, from habit, keep my eyes open during the voyage till we reach the docks—not that my responsibility ceases even then. Should the ship arrive on a Saturday or on some holiday the vessel is considered at sea and not only is all leave sternly refused, but most extraordinary precautions are taken to prevent a surprise attack from shore. As soon as the officials from London, consisting generally of a few detectives, clerks of the steamship company, arrive the bullion room is opened, the boxes are removed in a strong net—each box being checked as it appears, placed on a trolley and well guarded, hurried without a moment's delay to the bullion truck. When this is done and the word "All right" is pronounced I heave a big sigh of relief for my responsibility then ceases.

The bullion truck, as you perhaps know, is a large shaped box, lined with solid plates or iron, about four feet long by three feet high, and secured with several locks of the latest design. When the gold is to be carried by rail the bullion truck is always sandwiched in between the engine and the conductor's car, so that when the conductor has not got his eye on it the engineer or fireman has.

TRAIN OF TRAGEDIES.

Domestic Troubles of One Family as Developed in Trial.

Harrisonburg, Va., Dec. 18.—Thomas L. Lam, who shot and almost instantly killed Frank P. Hensley November 14, because the latter reproved him when he quarreled with his 16-year-old wife, who had gone to the home of Hensley, her cousin, against the wishes of her husband, was found guilty of murder in the second degree today. His punishment was fixed at 16 years in the penitentiary. His bride of less than six months was by her husband's side when the verdict was delivered. The girl had witnessed the shooting of her kinsman by her husband from the porch of the former's home, and testified against Lam.

Mrs. Lam's father, Rev. Stephen Heasley, a local preacher, in an effort to shield the husband of one daughter, testified to the bad reputation of another daughter, whose name was linked with that of Hensley by attorneys for the defense. The prisoner's brother-in-law also testified to the same effect, practically destroying the reputation of their other sister.

During the trial Hensley's step-mother, who was called as a witness, became paralyzed. She gave her testimony from a cot.

The husband of Mrs. Lam's sister became a raving maniac during the trial as the result of the attacks upon the character of his wife. The prisoner's mother-in-law became prostrated in the court room as the trial neared its close and is expected to die. Another witness, Jackson Wyany, 80 years of age, was stricken with paralysis while attending the court.

A Western Wonder.

There is a Hill at Bowie, Tex., that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is W. L. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to over 180. He says: "I suffered with a terrible cough and doctors gave me up to die of Consumption. I was reduced to 90 pounds when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Now, after taking 12 bottles, I have more than doubled in weight and am completely cured." Only sure cough and cold cure. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy, druggist. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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Fate's Romance

By George Masters

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"You'll be good to the youngster when she comes, won't you?" said Linden as he bent to kiss his mother. "If she looks anything like Billy she should have gray eyes and a sort of quiet brown hair—you know the kind I mean."

"Of course I'll be good to her, you foolish boy," she laughed. "Don't you know how glad I shall be to have a little child about the house?"

Linden blushed. It was one of his mother's greatest regrets that he never had married, but he was absurdly bashful, and he hated the thought. For that reason he had welcomed the suggestion that he should lend his mother to Billy Corson's motherless little sister. It would help her to forget his own refusal to wed.

There had been great preparations made since the letter of acceptance had been sent. Linden had almost bankrupted himself in the purchase of toys, and the little room where as a child he had played was overflowing with all sorts of dolls and things.

Daisy was to come on the noon train in the care of the conductor, and Bob by Linden could scarcely wait until he could get his most pressing affairs



ON THE PORCH SAT A GIRL IN SUMMERY COSTUME TALKING TO HIS MOTHER.

straightened out before he rushed off to the station to take the train back home.

On the way he stopped to pick up a few more toys, and it was with his arms loaded down that he hurried through the shady street and into his own gate. Then he gave a gasp. On the porch sat a girl in summery costume talking to his mother. It could not be the nurse. She was far too well dressed for a nurse. It must be one of the local girls calling. He thought of the toy store package that had come undone and from which a doll's legs waved pinkly and unrestrained, and the perspiration beaded his forehead.

He had always tried to appear dignified before the girls. It kept them at a distance. But how on earth could he look dignified with those infernal toys dangling beneath his elbow?

The two women rose as he ascended the steps, and Mrs. Linden presented the other.

"Miss Corson," he echoed blankly. "Dick always spoke of me as 'his little sister,'" she said as she came forward. "I hope you are not disappointed."

Disappointed that he should be the companion of such a glorious girl? Bob chuckled, and in the saving grace of humor he lost his bashfulness.

"You are most welcome," he laughed as his hand closed over hers. "Since you are Daisy Corson these are for you." And he waved those pink abominations under her eyes with an audacity that surprised himself.

It broke the ice all around, and in the little interval before dinner they chatted as three old friends. Since she was to be a permanent guest there was no cause in being afraid of her, so Bob exerted himself to make her feel at home, and his mother, sitting quietly back and watching the animated pair, built air castles peopled with little folk who were truly her grandchildren and who had Bob's eyes and Daisy's hair.

In the days that followed the dream seemed to grow more real. The little nursery had been converted into a sitting room for the girl, and Bob had entered into the furnishing of this with even more ardor than he had shown in the planning of the other.

He and Daisy were together constantly when he was at home, and in the long evenings while they sat out on the piazza in the cool dusk a bud of romance grew into a sturdy plant.

Bob's success in business had been due to his directness and commanding qualities, and these he brought to bear now. Before a week had elapsed the question he longed to ask seemed certain of a favorable answer.

He decided to ask her Saturday afternoon and had come out early for that purpose. Daisy and his mother were in the yard looking after the flower beds. They waved their hands to him, expecting him to come right out, but he caught a letter from the table on

the way out, and the contents brought him to a dead halt on the back steps. It was from Billy Corson and ran:

"Dear Old Chap—I suppose you are blessing me for my stupidity, but really I am not to blame. I had to leave town for a few days, and in the interval my maternal aunt swooped down on us and carried poor Daisy off to the very fate I was trying to save her from—immurement in the desolate little town where I suffered so when I was a youngster. No one had your address, so they could not notify you. I am sorry that you have been put to this trouble needlessly, but hope that you and your mother will forgive me."

Bob tucked the letter into his pocket and went toward the pair. There was some mistake, that was evident. Perhaps he would lose Daisy after all. His heart was troubled, but one glance from those merry eyes reassured him, and he went manfully to work helping them with their gardening.

It was not until after supper and they had established themselves on the piazza that he mentioned the note.

"I had a letter from Billy today," he said, "a very funny letter."

"What did he say?" she laughed. "He has not written me."

"That he was sorry he was not able to send you to us," he said quietly.

"I don't see the joke," she scolded. "You are not nice to speak in riddles."

"There is some mistake," he explained. "Billy did not send his sister here, so you must be some other Billy's sister." He handed her the letter and she read it through with changing color. Then her eye caught the business card in the corner.

"But this is from a Mr. Corson, not Corson," she explained.

"That's Billy," he explained—"Billy Corson."

"My name is Corson," she answered. "I thought both you and your mother pronounced it oddly. But why should I have made a mistake? You are Robert Linton."

"How do you spell it?" he asked.

"L-i-n-t-o-n," she spelled slowly.

"L-i-n-d-e-n," he corrected. "Funny that there should be a double mistake. I don't know any Linton in town."

"I have it on a letter upstairs," she said as she rose from her seat. Presently she returned and held out an envelope. Bob glanced at the card.

"That's Bellport, not Bellville," he said. "Bellport is in the northern part of the state."

"That's a triplet of doubles," she laughed. "It seems to be as if I were a part of a play, a comedy."

"I don't think that it's a comedy," he said slowly.

"Surely you are not going to be so ungracious as to call it a tragedy," she protested.

"I'd like to make it a romance," he explained. "You see, I've always been sort of girl shy. Girls made me bashful, and I've kept away from them. Then you came. I was all ready to be nice to a kid, and instead you burst upon me so suddenly that I did not have time to be frightened."

"The matter wants awfully to see us married, and I, well, can't tell you, little girl, how I want you. Surely you will not let this mistake take you out of our lives again."

For a moment Daisy looked out across the fields to where the sky shone redly. Then she turned and put her arms about his neck.

"Bob," she said softly, "I think the whole thing must have been arranged by fate. We'll call it a romance, dear."

Stevenson's Grave.

No English novelist rests in a more eccentric spot than that chosen by Robert Louis Stevenson, who is buried on the summit of the forest clad Valla, in the island of Samoa. The day after his death at Vallima, in 1894, his remains were carried to the top of this precipitous and picturesque peak by sixty sturdy Samoans, who had loved and now mourned their dead chief, Tusiuta. A party of forty had previously cut a pathway through the thick, tangled wood with knives and axes, while another party had prepared the grave. With infinite care and trouble they bore him shoulder high over the rough ground to his last long home, and there, under the starry sky, they left him to sleep forever, with the Pacific at his feet. On either side of his tombstone is a bronze plate. One bears the words, "The Tomb of Tusiuta," while the other is inscribed with his own requiem, beginning:

Under the wide and starry sky
Dig the grave and let me lie.

Wastebasket Treasures.

"I have in my employ," said a dealer in autographs, "a number of celebrities' housemaids. Thanks to these young women, I secure at nominal cost many an autographic gem. All I ask of the maids is that they ship me weekly the contents of their masters' wastebaskets. They bale the stuff up in burlap, and every Monday or Tuesday it comes to me by freight. I go over it carefully, making many finds. Here will be a begging letter from a famous author in hard luck. Here in a brief note a great actor will boast of his last success. Here will be a dinner invitation from a celebrated millionaire. Some celebrities, of course, save their valuable letters, and some sell them, but the majority throw into the wastebasket most of the mail they receive, and I, searching the baskets' contents every Monday morning, find my reward in many a letter worth \$10 or \$20."

Open to the Warning.

Old Quiverful—And so you want to take our daughter from us—you want to take her from us suddenly, without a word of warning? Young Goslow—Not at all, sir. If there is anything about her you want to warn me against I'm willing to listen.

A Delayed Wedding

(Original.)

Mr. Melancthon Peter—his name should have been Peter Melancthon, but it wasn't—had called on the morning of his wedding for a final word with his fiancée in order to make sure that nothing had been forgotten. They were to be married at high noon, and it was now 11 o'clock. But the groom was in costume, even to the boutonniere, and the bride needed only to put a few finishing touches to her toilet.

After giving and receiving a few final reminders Mr. Peter, accompanied by Miss Blossom, his bride to be, went into the hall and through the front door, backing himself out in order to keep up his instructions and his eyes on his fiancée till the last moment. He descended the steps in this reverse order, then turned, and the door closed at the same moment.

Now, in anticipation of a coal strike Miss Blossom's father was getting in his annual supply of fuel. A coal wagon had just driven away, and the heaver had forgotten to replace the lid on the coal hole. The consequence was that as Mr. Peter turned and took a step forward he felt himself sink, and in another moment he was knee deep in a coal heap.

The only injury he suffered was scraping the skin off his left arm. He looked up and saw that he could almost reach the round opening above him, but to do so would require a jump. To jump on a heap of coal is like jumping on a quicksand.

When he was thinking what to do suddenly the lid was clapped on the coal hole. Some one passing had seen the opening in the sidewalk and, supposing he was doing a kindly act, put on the lid. Mr. Peter cried out, but too late. The benefactor—to some one else than Mr. Peter—passed on.

From an anticipated wedding ceremony in a fashionable church, in the presence of a fashionable assembly, to a coal hole even with the lid off and sunlight is not a pleasant transition, but with a closure and darkness Mr. Peter found it harrowing, especially as he might not get out in time for the wedding. It is singular what thoughts will pass through the brain at such a time. Many a person upon learning of some calamity has had an absurdity thrust itself into his brain. Mr. Peter was a college bred man and, being impressed with the readiness with which he had reached his present position, remembered an adage of the ancients, "Easy is the descent to hell." This he kept repeating—or, rather it kept repeating itself without asking his permission—till he was reminded that he had better be devising some method of escape.

But there was no escape. The only egress was a chute for the coal, but this was not practicable for Mr. Peter, because it must be opened from the outside. In fifty minutes his wedding would be due. He saw the people assembling, the bride and her attendants going to the church, then waiting for him in the vestibule; ushers going to the doors and looking up the street for him, anxious faces; the bride troubled and finally in tears.

This is what Mr. Peter saw in the coal hole, and it was what occurred. He took no note of time till a clock in a church tower near by struck the hour of 12. Then he knew that the wedding party was waiting that period of suspense which must lead to he knew not what had begun.

At the last stroke of the clock he heard a step in the adjoining apartment—doubtless the cellar. Only a board partition separated him from it. He cried out. There was an interval of silence, then a voice:

"What is it? Who is it?"

Mr. Peter, dreading lest the person would take to flight, cried lustily for help. After some delay the coal chute, which fortunately was above the partially filled bin, was opened by a servant, and Mr. Peter stepped out.

The first thing he did was to look at his watch. It was five minutes past 12. Dashing up the stairs, he gained the bathroom, and a glance in a mirror showed him a dusky face. Plunging it and his hands into a basin of water, he buttoned his coat as high as possible over his smudged collar and, descending with lightning speed to the street, ran toward the church. On the way he passed an empty cab, which he hailed, and a few minutes later dashed up to the church.

Three ushers were straining their eyes up and down for him. Mr. Peter was hurried inside, where he was greeted by his bride to be with a mingling of anger, tears and sighs of relief. There was no time for explanations, since the guests had already been kept too long waiting. Mr. Peter took his proper position, with his supports, on the opposite side of the vestibule, there was a creaking of the organ bellows, and the divided wedding party, uniting in the center aisle, advanced to the strains of a wedding march.

Mr. Peter's coat being black and his trousers dark gray, his shirt collar being largely covered and his sleeves pulled down over his cuffs, showed no marks of his residence in a coal bin. But Mr. Peter was badly rattled. He made the responses wrong, fumbled in his pocket for the ring and when he found it dropped it. Coming out an extreme nervousness induced him to throw open his coat. As he passed down the aisle the assembly tittered. His entire front—collar, neck, scarf, light buff waistcoat—were smudged from top to bottom with coal dust.

"What in thunder does this mean?" asked his best man when they reached the vestibule.

"Fell in a coal hole," was the laconic reply.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 22, 1906.

SPRITS TURPENTINE—Market.

firm 65 1-2.

ROSIN—Market firm \$3.80.

TAR—Market, firm 2.35 per barrel.

of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market

firm at \$3.35 per barrel for hard, \$4.50

for dip and \$4.50 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—

sprits turpentine firm 64 bid; rosin

firm \$3.30; tar firm \$1.80; crude tur-

pentine firm \$2.80, \$4.05 and \$4.50.

MARKETS

Sprits turpentine 72

Rosin 168

Tar 204

Crude 59

Receipts same day last year—20

casks sprits turpentine; 72 barrels

rosin; 40 barrels tar; 21 barrels

crude turpentine.

Market—Steady, 93-4c.

Same day last year—Nominal.

Receipts 129 bales; same day last

year 2,618 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

PEANUTS—North Carolina Prime

\$1.10; extra prime \$1.15; fancy \$1.15

per bushel of 28 pounds; Virginia

—Prime 95c; extra prime \$1.00; fancy

\$1.10; Spanish \$1.00 @ \$1.10.

CORN—Firm, 68@70c per bushel

for white; 66@68 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady, hams, 17@

18c per pound; shoulders, 12@13c;

side, dull, 11@13c.

EGGS—Dull at 27c.

CHICKENS—Dull 15@25c for small

growns 30 @ 35c.

BEEFWAX—Firm, at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2@5c per

pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 4c

per pound.

HIDES—Dry flint, 14 to 15c; green

9c per pound.

PORK—Corn fed 8@9c.

TURKEYS—Firm, live 16c @ 17c;

dressed 20 @ 22c.

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 10 1-4; net re-

ceipts 23,387.

New Orleans—Holiday.

Mobile—Quiet, 10; net receipts 4,

333.

Savannah—Holiday.

Charleston—Net receipts 554.

Wilmington—Holiday.

Norfolk—Net receipts 1,949.

Baltimore—Nominal, 10 1-2.

New York—Holiday.

Boston—Steady, 10.55; net receipts

314.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 10.80; net re-

ceipts 74.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Steady, 10 1-4; net re-

ceipts 17,218.

Augusta—Steady, 10 5-8; net re-

ceipts 1,020.

Memphis—Firm, 10 3-8; net receipts

4,497.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 1,342.

Louisville—Firm, 10 1-2.

Liverpool Markets.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Cotton: Spot

in fair demand; prices four points

higher; American middling fair 6.41;

good middling 5.93; middling 5.73;

low middling 5.55; good ordinary 5.15;

ordinary 4.90.

The sales of the day were 8,000

bales of which 500 were speculation

and export and included 7,700 Amer-

ican; receipts 40,400 bales, all of

which were American. Futures open-

ed quiet and steady and closed quiet.

Dec 5.40; Dec and Jan 5.39; Jan and

Feb 5.39; Feb and March 5.38 1-2;

March and April 5.38 1-2; April and

May 5.40; May and June 5.41 1-2;

June and July 5.42; July and August

5.42 1-2; Aug and Sept 5.37; Sept and

Oct 5.28; Oct and Nov 5.22.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 22.—Many inquiries

are being made in the drygoods

market by buyers who will want goods

immediately after the turn of the year.

Extension of contracts in the grey

goods market is going on steadily. The

stocks of burlaps in New York are

the smallest in 18 months. A read-

justment of linen prices is scheduled

for the first of the year. The jobbing

house clearance sales of next week

promise to be quick clean-ups, as many

large buyers are in need of any kind

of merchandise. The tone of the mar-

ket is strong.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 22.—Money on call

nominal, no loans; time loans steady;

sixty days 8 to 9 per cent; ninety days

8@8 1-2 per cent; six months 6 1-2@

7 per cent; prime mercantile paper 5

@ 6 1-2 per cent; sterling exchange

easier with actual business in bankers

bills at 4.8315@4.8320 for demand and

at 4.7775@4.78 for sixty day bills.

Posted rates 4.79 1-2@4.80 and 4.84

1-2@4.85; commercial bills 4.77 1-2@

4.77 3-4; bar silver 69 1-2; Mexican

dollars 53 5-8; government bonds easy;

railroad bonds heavy.

New York Bonds.

U. S. Refunding 2s reg 104 1-2

U. S. Refunding 2s con 105

U. S. 3s reg	102 3-4
U. S. 3s con	102 3-4
U. S. Old 4s reg	130 1-4
U. S. New 4s con	130 1-4
U. S. New 4s reg	130 1-2
U. S. New 4s con	130 1-2
American Tobacco Co 4s	77
American Tobacco Co 6s	109 1-4
A. C. L. bid	97
Baltimore & Ohio	101
L. & N. Unified 4s	102
Seaboard Air Line	81 1-2
Southern Railway	116
U. S. Steel 2nd 5s	97 3-8

Closing Stock List	
Amalgamated Copper	112
American Sugar Refining	132 1-2
American Tobacco Co pfd	96 3-4
Atlantic Coast Line	131
Baltimore & Ohio	119 5-8
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	92
Chesapeake & Ohio	65 1-2
L. & N.	143 1-4
New York Central	129
Norfolk & Western	90
Norfolk & Western pfd	93
Peoples Gas	87 3-8
Reading	133 1-2
Reading, 1st pfd	88
Reading 2nd pfd	90
Southern Pacific	92 3-8
Southern Pacific pfd	119 5-8
Southern Railway	32 1-2
Southern Railway pfd	94 1-4
Tenn Coal & Iron	155
U. S. Steel pfd	103 1-4
U. S. Steel	47 3-8
Va-Car Chemical	36
Va-Car Chemical pfd	106 1-2
Seaboard Air Line	—
Seaboard Air Line pfd	—
Standard Oil	525
Western Union	85

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 22.—Flour steady

but dull; Winter patents 3.65@3.90;

Minnesota patents 4.10@4.35; Rye

flour dull; fair to good 3.65@3.80;

Buckwheat flour quiet 2.15@2.25.

CORN—Steady; fine white

and yellow 1.20@1.25; coarse 1.10@

1.12; kiln dried 2.75@2.80.

WHEAT—Spot irregular; No. 2 red

79 3-4 elevator; options 1-8c lower;

May 83 3-4; July 83 1-8; December

81 1-8.

CORN—Spot steady; No. 2 53 el-

evator; options 1-4c net lower; Janu-

ary 51 1-2; May 50 3-8; December

52 1-4.

OATS—Spot steady; mixed 39@39

1-2.

LARD—Steady.

PORK—Steady; family 18.50@19.00.

TALLOW—Steady.

RICE—Steady.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans

37@48.

SUGAR—Raw weak; fair refining

3 1-16@3 3-32; centrifugal 3 9-16@3

19-32; molasses sugar 2 13-32@2 27-32;

refined quiet.

COFFEE—Spot firm; No. 7 7 7-8;

Futures 5@15 points higher.

BUTTER—Steady, unchanged.

CHEESE—Quiet, unchanged.

EGGS—Easy; nearby fancy 35@40;

do choice 35@37; do mixed extra 34@

36; western firsts 28; seconds 26@27

1-2.

PEANUTS AND FREIGHTS—Quiet.

POTATOES—Steady.

CABBAGES—Dull, prices unchang-

ed.

COTTON SEED OIL—Quiet and

about steady; prime crude for mills

31 1-2; prime summer yellow 42;

prime white and prime winter yellow

nominal.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Realizing sales

in corn and oats had a weakening ef-

fect today on the local wheat market,

the May option closing at a net loss

of 3-8; corn was off 1-4; oats were

down 3-8; provisions were 7 1-2@10

to 22 1-2 higher.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Wheat High Low Close

Dec 74 3-8 74 1-8 74 1-2

Dec 74 3-4 74 1-4 74 1-2

Corn:

Dec 41 3-8 41 41

May 43 1-2 43 1-4 43 1-4

July 44 43 3-4 43 3-4

Oats:

Dec 33 3-4 33 1-8 33 3-8

May 35 3-4 35 1-2 35 1-2

July 33 1-2 33 1-8 33 1-8

Mess Pork, per bbl:

Jan 16 20 16 17 1-2 16 20

May 16 20 16 17 1-2 16 20

Lard, per 100 lbs:

Dec 9 05 8 92 1-2 9 05

Jan 9 05 8 90 9 05

May 9 17 1-2 9 05 9 17 1-2

Short Ribs per 100 lbs:

Jan 8 70 8 65 8 70

May 8 90 8 80 8 90

July 8 97 1-2 8 90 8 97 1-2

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour steady, winter patents 3.39@3.59

straights 3.10@3.40; spring patents

3.80@3.90; straights 3.20@3.50; No. 2

Spring Wheat 79; No. 3 71@81; No. 2

red 74 1-4@84; No. 2 corn 44; No. 2

yellow 45 1-2@46; No. 2 Oats 33 1-4

@34; No. 2 white 36 1-4; No. 3 white

33 1-4@35 3-4; No. 2 Rye 64 1-2.

Short Ribs, Sides, (loose) 8.25@8.75;

Mess Pork, per bbl 15.00; Lard, per

100 lbs 9.07 1-2; Short Clear Sides

(boxed) 9.12 1-2@9.25; Whiskey, basis

of high wines 1.29.

NAVAL STORES

New York, Dec. 22.—Turpentine

steady 70 to 70 1-2; rosin steady;

strained common to good 4.25.

Savannah, Dec. 22.—Turpentine

quiet; 66 1-2; sales 283; receipts 523;

shipments 33. Rosin firm; sales 2,845;

receipts 2,858; shipments 1,780; stock

The only form of food made from wheat that is all nutrient is the soda cracker, and yet—the only soda cracker of which this is really true is

NOTABLE TALK

BY DR. ALDERMAN

Distinguished Native of Wilmington Speaks at New England Society Dinner

ROOT'S CENTRALIZATION

Southern Educator Sounds Note That South Stands Where It Always Stood For Reserved Rights of Individual States.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.) New York, Dec. 22.—With three governors, two college presidents, an admiral of the United States Navy, a bishop and a distinguished explorer as its principal guests, the New England Society of New York, tonight celebrated its one hundred and first anniversary with a banquet at the Waldorf Astoria. The big hall room of the hotel was decorated with flags and bunting. The toast "Forefathers Day" was responded to by Bishop Lawrence, "Sectionalism and Nationality" was the topic assigned to president Alderman.

President Luther discussed The Schools of the Country. Commander Peary told of "The Farthest North."

President Alderman said that he brought the greetings and good will of the Old Dominion and her daughter States to New England. He reviewed at length the elements which entered into the make of the two people, the Puritan in the North and the Cavalier in the South, with the Scotch-Irish strain added, both becoming believers in liberty, the Northern branch in individual liberty and the Virginian in liberty of local self-government and the right to regulate his own affairs. These different view points when applied to the negro question brought on the war. Touching on State's rights, President Alderman said:

"The doctrine of State's rights, as a necessity of popular government, is again engaging the thought of this republic because mightier forces than war are vitalizing this old issue under new enemies and those who understand it best and love it dearest and will fight for it longest, are those who live in the States where devotion to it once had power to separate them from a country they had fought to found. There is nothing stranger or more interesting in political history than the recurrence of this best loved dogma of the South, unconnected with secession and unconnected with slavery, as necessary to Federal union and human freedom.

"If, as Mr. Root thinks, the struggle is on between the growing power of the Federal government and the decreasing authority of the States, you can count on the Southerner to be on the side of maintaining the just balance. No American sees more clearly than he just what is the vital spot in the liberty of a State. I interpret Mr. Root's speech as a prophecy and a warning rather than as a plea for centralization. The drift that way is unquestioned. Will the States let the drift continue?

"When race riot occurs, there are outcries and loud voices and some sinking of the heart, for wise men know how hard it is to distinguish between the moral and economic phases of such a problem as that which produces those outbreaks. I dare to say here tonight that the people of the South are handling the problem of the African, which has both marred and moulded the national development for three hundred years, as wisely as any people on earth could hope to do in the first generation of African freedom and in a time of human moment and struggle in all lands. Faithful men are at work and will continue at work to the end that the quality and breed of our race shall not be allowed to deteriorate and the quality of justice be allowed to become cheapened. Upon the South rests the burden of the African and the problem of the integrity of the race, as upon New England and her breed rests the burden of assimilating the discontented and aspiring of all lands.

"Will the age-long antagonism between New England and the South ever end? They are peoples of long memories, of stiff necks and perhaps will never lie down in lion and lamb fashion, nor is that necessary or desirable for the stability of the republic or the grandeur of its ideals. Fate only drove them to war for their ideals of Americanism. As the struggle for liberty takes on new phases fate may bring them to understanding and sympathy."

At Peoria, Ill., last night Grand Master John L. Hannahan, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers issued an ultimatum to E. H. Harriman, president and chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Pacific Railroad notifying him that they proposed to strike at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Two dollars and two cents given away to 100 customers at The Little Store—December 24th. Read Platt & Haar's ad in today's paper.

Real Christmas trees at the Carl B. Rehder Candy Co. Get you one tomorrow. Only a few left.

ASSASSIN SLAYS COUNT IGNATIEFF

Fired Six Bullets Into Distinguished Russian General and Statesman

MURDERER SHOT HIMSELF

Was Seized and Prevented From Carrying Out Purpose to Commit Suicide—Assassin Boasted About His Desperate Purpose.

(By Cable to The Morning Star.) Tver, Russia, December 22.—Count Alexis Ignatieff, a member of the council of the Empire and ex-Governor General of Kiev, Volhynia and Podolia, was shot and killed by an unknown man here to-day in the refreshment room of the hall occupied by the Nobles' Assembly. The assassin fired six bullets from a revolver into his victim's body and then tried to commit suicide, but was seized before he could do so and is now in custody of the police.

At the moment of the assassination Count Ignatieff was sitting with other members of the Zemsto in the refreshment room. The Zemsto meets in the nobles' assembly hall. Suddenly a young man who had been sitting apart arose and approaching the Count, emptied the contents of a revolver at him. One of the shots pierced his heart and the Count died almost instantly. The murderer, followed by some members of the Zemsto, fled to an adjoining room where he turned his revolver, two chambers of which he had reloaded, toward his own breast. One shot missed the body entirely, and the other pierced his shoulder. He was then seized, and at the same moment his pursuers laid hold of him he shouted "I did what I came here to do."

A card of admission to the Zemsto, bearing the name of Kulikoff, was found in the assassin's pocket. His appearance was that of a working man.

The obnoxious grumhead court martial law, under which hundreds of the leading terrorists have been found guilty and executed during the last few months was worked out at a special conference at which Count Ignatieff was a member and to him the Revolutionists attribute the authorship of this measure. Since M. Stolypin has been premier the Count has been several times reported as introducing with other members, the so-called Camarilla to oust M. Stolypin and induce the Emperor to dispense entirely with the lower house.

Gen. Count Alex's Pavlovich Ignatieff was born in 1842 and after completing the usual course in the Corps of Pages entered a regiment of hussars in the guard. In 1863 he was appointed commander of the regiment of Chevalier Guards, the most coveted post in the Russian Army, and in 1881 became chief of staff of the guard corps. Count Ignatieff entered the administrative service in 1885, as Governor General of Irkutsk and in 1889 was appointed Governor General of Kiev, which position he held until 1897.

As a result of the disorders which occurred throughout Russia after "Revolution," January 22, 1905, Ignatieff was sent by the Emperor to investigate the situation in Southern Russia and his report on the immediate necessity for granting reforms was one of the chief reasons which induced the Emperor to proclaim the first Russian Parliament. During the debates preceding the adoption of the parliamentary law of August 6, 1905, Ignatieff advocated the granting of suffrage but changed his opinion and became the active coadjutor of Gen. Trepoft in supporting the repressive policy of Minister of the Interior Durnovo and in the intrigue which resulted in the downfall of Count Witte. It was said at the time that the plan was to proclaim Ignatieff premier and dictator, turn the guard regiments against Parliament and apply the iron rule which Trepoft, Ignatieff and their colleagues considered to be necessary to govern Russia.

A special to the St. Paul Pioneer Press from Yankton, S. D., yesterday, says: "A divorce was granted to-night to Mrs. James G. Blaine, wife of the son of the former Secretary of State, on grounds of non-support and desertion. The case begun before Judge E. C. Smith at 7 o'clock and at 8 o'clock the decree had been granted and the divorced wife had taken a train for the East. This broke the record for time consumed in a divorce hearing in South Dakota."

Cars to the Beach. To-day every half hour from 1 to 5 P. M. Concert at 3 P. M.

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BLOOD HOUNDS AFTER ASSASSIN

Negro Who Shot Captain Macklin at Fort Reno Still at Large.

MOTIVE FOR DEED MYSTERY

Army Officer Badly Wounded, But Will Most Likely Recover—One Bullet Broke His Jaw—Wounded In Side.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.) Washington, Dec. 22.—Major Penrose, in command at Fort Reno, Oklahoma, made the following report by telegraph today to the military secretary concerning the shooting of Captain Macklin:

"Captain Macklin was shot twice yesterday evening by an unknown colored man, once in the face, breaking the jaw and once in the side. The latter wound is only a slight one and neither wound is believed by surgeons to be serious, and ultimate recovery is assured if complications, which are not anticipated, do not set in. I am satisfied, after a rigid investigation, that the shooting was not done by any member of this command. Neither Macklin nor his cook, who witnessed the shooting, can give an accurate description of the man. Am doing everything possible in the matter."

Motive is Mystery. El Reno, Okla., Dec. 22.—No motive has yet been found for the shooting at Fort Reno last night of Captain Edward T. Macklin. Captain Macklin was so much improved this evening that the hospital physicians said he would recover. The negro who shot Macklin is still at large.

The day's developments served only to add to the mystery of the shooting. Captain Macklin was not allowed to talk. Other officers at the fort were loath to believe that the negro who did the shooting was one of the discharged soldiers who sought revenge.

The testimony of Macklin in the Brownsville affair shows that he did not place the blame for it upon the members of his company. One motive might be robbery. Another supposition is that of revenge growing out of the death of a member of Macklin's company, who fell out of the ranks during a practice march a few days ago and was found frozen to death the next day.

Captain Macklin was not harsh to his men. He has a reputation both here and at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for kind treatment.

Motive Was Robbery.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.) El Reno, Okla., Dec. 22.—Bloodhounds placed on the trail of the negro who last night shot and seriously wounded Capt. Edgar D. Macklin, of Company C, Twenty-fifth Infantry, at Fort Reno, to-day followed the scent from Macklin's quarters to Darlington, a small station on the Rock Island and railroad four miles southeast of the fort. It is believed that the negro escaped on a northbound train. There is a steep grade at Darlington and trains are forced to run slowly.

It was learned to-day that Capt. Macklin, who is in charge of the Post exchange, is in the habit of keeping large sums of money in the house when not convenient to take it to the bank at El Reno, five miles from the Post. Last evening he had \$1,500 in an upstairs room, and to-day he said the negro aiming a revolver at him cried: "I want the money upstairs."

LIMA STREET CAR MEN STRIKE.

Newspapers Incensed Because Police Fired On Strikers.

(By Cable to The Morning Star.) Lima, Peru, Dec. 22.—Street car traffic has been suspended here today as a result of a strike of the conductors and motormen, culminating in a conflict last night between the police and the strikers and their sympathizers. During the disturbance the police fired on the rioters, wounding several persons. The newspapers declare that the action of the police in firing on the strikers was not justified and urged the authorities to be more prudent. The various benevolent organizations of Lima are assisting the strikers and the butchers are furnishing them with meat and the bakers with bread free of charge.

MR. JOHN S. McNEILL DEAD.

Prominent Robeson County Citizen Died Yesterday at Lumberton.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.) Lumberton, Dec. 22.—Mr. Jas. S. McNeill, a prominent citizen of the town, died at noon today of palsy, aged 71 years. He had been afflicted for years and his condition had been serious three weeks before he died. Funeral services and interment will be held tomorrow afternoon. His wife and a large family of children survive.

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SEVEN FINE MULES—For sale, ranging in price from \$100 to \$200. For information apply to J. A. Perry, Castle Haynes, N. C. dec 23-1t.

ICE CREAM—For Christmas. Let us have your orders. E. Warren & Son. dec 23-1t.

LOST—A leather suit case containing lady's coat and some collars. Reward if returned to E. M. Cheek, City. dec 23-1t.

WE WANT A MAN Who understands how to get the orders off the book and handle draymen; don't shirk his work or let others under him shirk. Can use such a man January 1st; married man preferred. State salary desired. Address Wholesale Grocer, General delivery, Postoffice. dec 23-1t.

LOST—Ticket to Glee Club concert, "C. 26." Reward if returned to 212 North Front street. dec 23-1t.

\$20, \$30, \$40, \$50, \$60—We have several good square pianos that have come to us in exchange, the very thing for beginners. Steiff Piano Company, Third street, opposite City Hall. d22-2t.

\$260 BUYS a magnificent new upright piano; handsomely hand carved three pedals, a double veneering inside and out. This instrument would sell for \$450 by any small dealer. Be sure to see it. Steiff Piano Company, Third street, opposite City Hall. d22-2t.

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GO TO PLUMMER'S for Christmas Candles and everything you want. Candy, 5 cents a pound. Our 10 cent Candy the best ever offered. dec 20-4t.

SCUPPERNON WINE—Pure Scuppernon wine, country made, for sale by J. S. Westbrock, corner Fourth and Bladen streets. Phone 949. d19-6t.

FOR SALE—House and lot on Grace street between Seventh and Eighth. Apply H. W. Koolge. d18-1t.

FOR SALE—Four solid cars N. Y. State apples on hand and en route for holiday trade; 1,000 boxes Florida oranges to arrive December 18; butter cheese, coconuts, potatoes, cabbages, etc.; for sale at lowest prices. Let us have your orders at once so that you may have the goods in plenty of time for the holiday trade. Wm. E. Worth & Co. d16-tf.

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IF you want a choice North Carolina Ham call phone 547. We have some extra fine ones to-day. We carry in stock all kinds of country produce in season. Will be pleased to serve one and all. S. F. Craig, 605 North Fourth street. a8-tf.

JAPAN—Frequent Spring Parties, First class throughout, \$625. 30 tours to Europe (\$270 up). Orient Cruise Feb., 7, by S. S. Arabic, (16,000 tons) Tour around the world Jan., 5th. FRANK C. CLARK, 96 Broadway, New York. dec 16 6t we-su.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 1, A. F. and A. M. The body of our deceased brother, L. H. Bryant, will be taken on this (Sunday) morning's train to Burgaw for burial with Masonic honors by King Solomon Lodge No. 138. All members that can do so are requested to accompany the body. By order of the W. M. A. S. HOLDEN, Secretary. dec 23-1t.

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We wish every one a Merry Christmas.

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